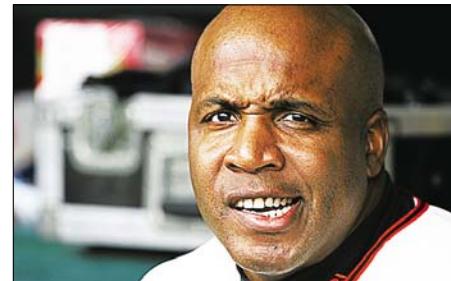


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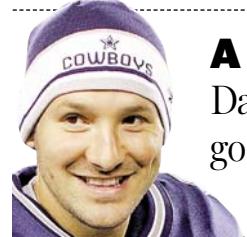
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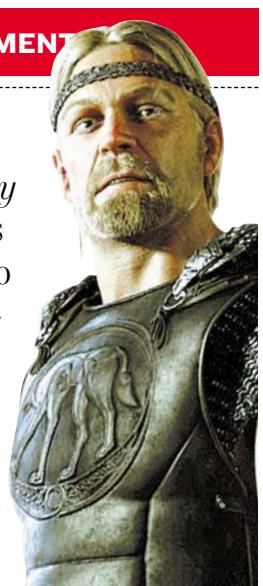
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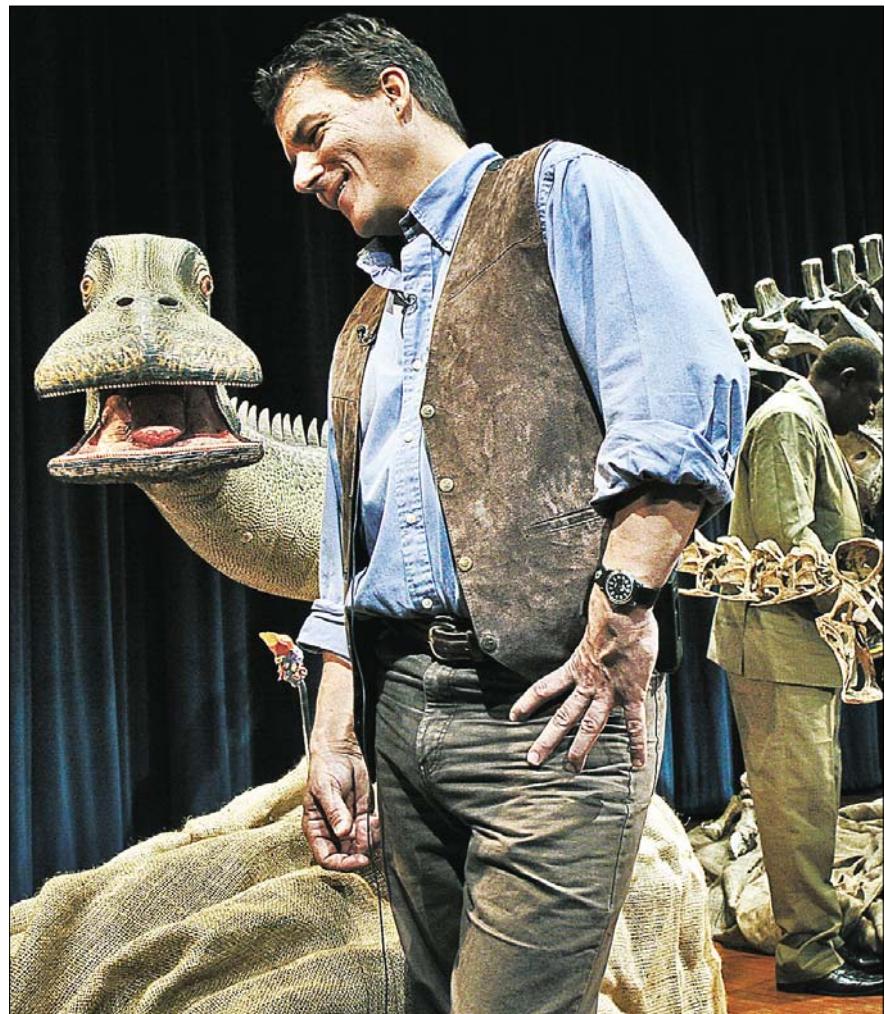
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## Bush Plan Takes on Air Traffic

Military airspace to be used as 'express lane' for holidays

WASHINGTON | Ahead of the holiday travel crunch, President Bush ordered steps Thursday to reduce air traffic congestion and long delays that have left passengers stranded.

The most significant change is that the Pentagon will open unused military airspace from Florida to Maine to create "a Thanksgiving express lane" for commercial airliners. It will be open next week for five days — Wednesday through Sunday — for the busiest days of Thanksgiving travel.

Bush called holiday travel "a season of dread for too many Americans." He said the problems with delayed flights are "clear to anybody who's been traveling."

The new plan also will be in effect for the Christmas travel season. White House press secretary Dana Perino said the Federal Aviation Administration was imposing a holiday moratorium on nonessential maintenance projects, allowing all FAA personnel and equipment to be focused on keeping flights on time. Further, the Department of Transportation will propose doubling the bump fee that airlines must pay to travelers who buy tickets but wind up without a seat. (AP)



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## Crazed Diabetic Found Roaming Fla.

Whether the mystery critter roaming northern Florida is an orangutan, a "baby Bigfoot" or something else, officials think it might have a bit of Homer Simpson in it. After a bear hunter said an animal that could be an orangutan stole jelly doughnuts from him, a wildlife investigator has tried to use sweet treats to lure the creature into the open. There have been several sightings of what witnesses have described as a "big orange ball of fur," though officials have yet to confirm it's an orangutan, said Karen Parker of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Some residents think the animal is a spider monkey or even a squirrel. (AP)



## CRIME

## Illegal Nail Gun Imports Thwarted

Leif Harry Ersland of Norway wanted to return a nail gun he borrowed, so he sent a text message to the owner saying "the gun is on the cabin steps." It didn't take long for the police to turn up at his door, demanding to know whether Ersland was interested in weapons or had any enemies. It turned out he had punched the wrong phone number. The message went to a stranger, who called the police because she was suspicious about a possible gun deal. Ersland was not home when the police arrived. His roommate, who knew nothing of the message, faced a confusing 45 minutes of intense interrogation. (AP)



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## How to Ruin a Fine Wine

Bathers try to taste Beaujolais Nouveau wine poured into a "Beaujolais Nouveau bath" at the hot-spring spa resort Yunessun in Hakone, Japan. The special wine spa opened Thursday to celebrate the release of this year's young French wine produced in Beaujolais, Bourgogne. (AP)

## PAIRS

## Very Smart Robber Sees Opportunity

The TCF Bank in a West St. Paul, Minn., Cub Foods was held up twice in one day — by different robbers. Kyle Loven, a

supervisory special agent at the FBI's Minneapolis office, said the first robbery happened around 9 a.m. Tuesday, when a man presented a demand note to a bank teller and implied he had a gun. Police officers, the FBI and a canine team searched the area but could not

find the suspect. The law enforcement officers left after the first robbery, except for one investigator who stayed to gather more statements. He left about 1:50 p.m. to get more paperwork out of his unmarked car. That's when the second robber struck. (AP)

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## Nation

# Gates Says War Funds Will Dry Up

Defense secretary says he will plan layoffs if Congress cuts money

WASHINGTON | Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Thursday that unless Congress passes funding for the Iraq war within days, he will direct the Army and Marine Corps to begin developing plans to lay off employees and terminate contracts early next year.



Gates

Gates said he does not have the money or the flexibility to move funding around to cover the costs of the operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Gates said that he is faced with the undesirable task of preparing to cease operations at Army bases by mid-February, and lay off about 100,000 defense department employees and an equal number of civilian contractors.

ROBERT BURNS (AP)



**BY THE NUMBERS:**  
Former President Clinton's nonprofit foundation raised more than \$135 million last year, according to tax forms filed with the IRS.

# Home Run King Bonds Is Indicted

Baseball star charged with misleading jury during steroids probe

SAN FRANCISCO | Barry Bonds, baseball's home run king, was indicted for perjury and obstruction of justice Thursday and could face prison instead of the Hall of Fame for telling a federal grand jury he did not knowingly use performance-enhancing drugs.

The indictment, culminating a four-year investigation into steroid use by elite athletes, charged Bonds with four counts of perjury and one of obstruction of justice. If convicted, he could be sentenced to a maximum of 30 years in prison.

Bonds' personal trainer, Greg Anderson, was ordered released after spending most of the past year in prison for refusing to testify against his longtime friend.

"During the criminal investiga-



didn't knowingly take steroids given to him by Anderson. Bonds is also charged with lying that Anderson never injected him with steroids.

"Greg wouldn't do that," Bonds testified in December 2003 when asked whether Anderson ever gave him any drugs that needed to be injected. "He knows I'm against that stuff."

Anderson's attorney, Mark Geragos, said the trainer didn't cooperate with the grand jury that indicted Bonds. "This indictment came out of left field," Geragos said. "Frankly, I'm aghast. It looks like the government misled me and Greg as well, saying this case couldn't go forward without him."

Prosecutors promised Bonds they wouldn't charge him with any drug-related counts if he testified truthfully. But according to the indictment, Bonds repeatedly denied taking any performance-enhancing drugs despite evidence to the contrary. PAUL ELIAS (AP)

tion, evidence was obtained including positive tests for the presence of anabolic steroids and other performance-enhancing substances for Bonds and other athletes," the

indictment said.

Bonds could not immediately be reached for comment.

Bonds was charged in the indictment with lying when he said he

# State Dept. May Avoid Iraq Call-Up

Volunteers fill posts, ending the possibility of forced assignments

WASHINGTON | The State Department is dropping plans to force diplomats to serve in Iraq because volunteers have filled all 48 vacant positions at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad and in outlying provinces.

The department will announce it no longer needs to move to "directed assignments" for Iraq once personnel panels give a formal OK to foreign service officers who signed up for the remaining three open jobs, U.S. officials said Thursday.

The announcement will be a major relief for Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and the department's senior management. They

had struggled to quell a revolt among diplomats who questioned the ethics of ordering unarmed civilians into a war zone under penalty of dismissal. But the officials said Rice had intended to go ahead with directed assignments if not enough volunteers had come forward.

The prospect of the largest diplomatic call-up since Vietnam caused an uproar among the 11,500-mem-

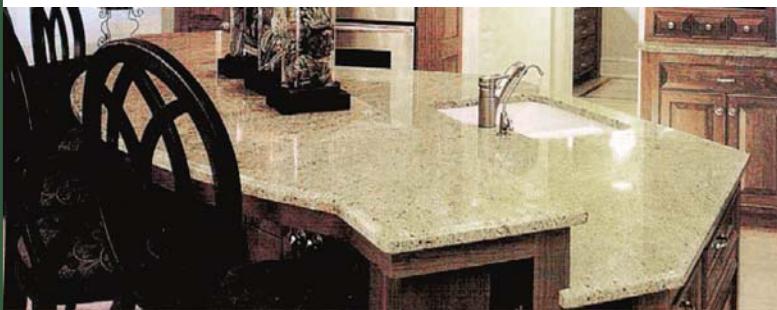


Rice

ber Foreign Service. At a contentious town hall meeting, the strength of their opposition came into view as some diplomats protested the forced assignments, citing safety concerns. The complaints led Rice and her deputy, John Negroponte, to remind diplomats of their duty to serve their government. MATTHEW LEE (AP)

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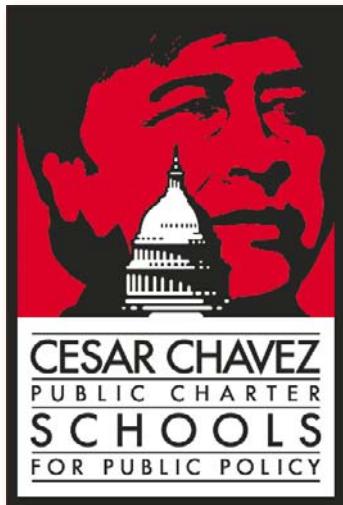
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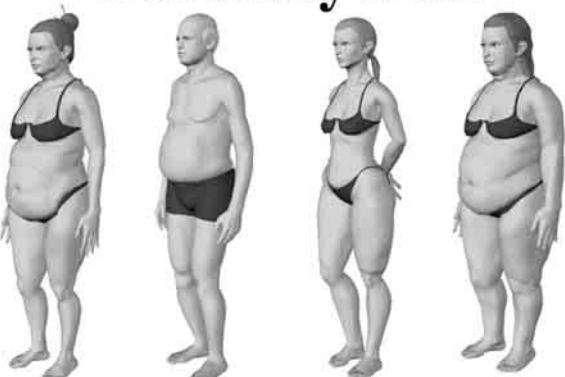
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# Storms Devastated Forests

Gulf Coast hurricanes hurt or killed millions of trees, study finds

New satellite imaging has revealed that Hurricanes Katrina and Rita produced the largest single forestry disaster on record in America — an essentially unreported ecological catastrophe that killed or severely damaged about 320 million trees in Mississippi and Louisiana.

The die-off, caused initially by wind and later by the weeks-long pooling of stagnant water, was so massive that researchers say it will add significantly to the greenhouse gas buildup — ultimately putting as much carbon from dying vegetation into the air as the rest of the

**VIEW FROM ABOVE**

→ The new assessment of trees killed or severely damaged comes from a study released Thursday in the journal Science, written primarily by researchers at Tulane University in New Orleans who studied images from two NASA satellites.

American forest takes out in a year of photosynthesis.

In addition, the downing of so many trees has opened vast and sometimes fragile tracts of land to several aggressive and fast-growing exotic species that are already squeezing out far more environmentally productive native species.

Efforts to limit the damage have

been handicapped by the ineffectiveness of a \$504 million federal program to Gulf Coastland owners to replant and fight the invasive species. Congress appropriated the money in 2005 and added to it in 2007, but officials involved with the conservation program say that only about \$70 million has been processed or dispensed so far.

"This is the worst environmental disaster in the United States since the Exxon Valdez accident ... and the greatest forest destruction in modern times," said James L. Cummins, executive director of the nonprofit environmental group Wildlife Mississippi and a board member of the Mississippi Forestry Commission. MARC KAUFMAN  
(THE WASHINGTON POST)

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**ON GUARD:** A police officer keeps an eye on protesters as a truck carrying a Stryker vehicle leaves the Port of Olympia. Dozens of arrests have been made at the port in the past week as protesters have clashed with police.

# High Court Stops Fla. Execution

Justices have been blocking death cases because of Ky. appeal

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. | The U.S. Supreme Court halted the execution of convicted child killer Mark Dean Schwab on Thursday hours before he was scheduled to die.

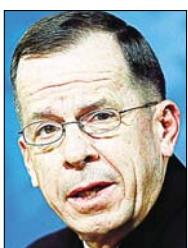


Schwab

The move by the high court was widely expected as it considers the appeals of two Kentucky inmates challenging the same lethal toxic three-drug combination used in Florida.

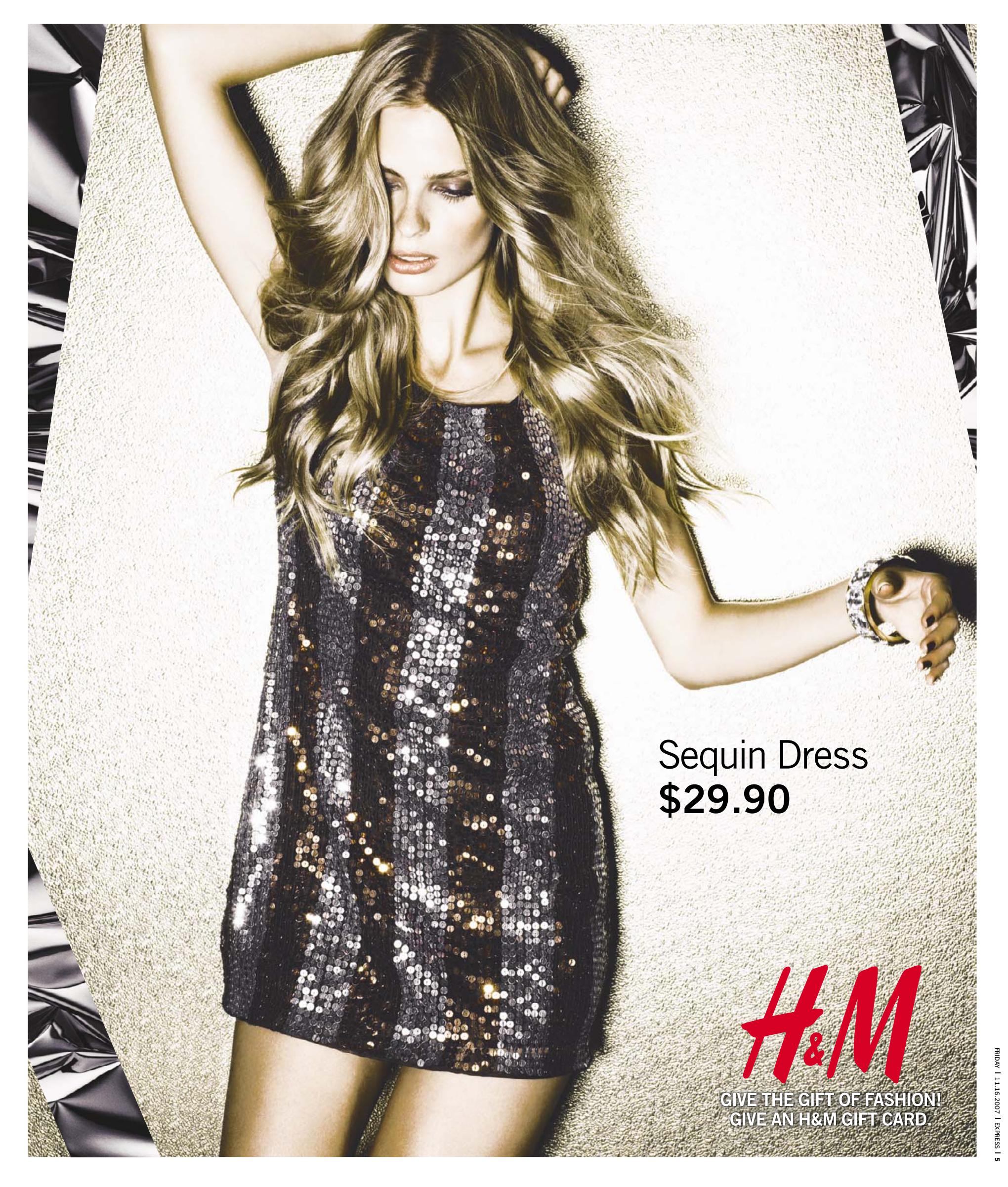
Schwab was sentenced to death for the murder of 11-year-old Junny Rios-Martinez. His execution was to be the first in Florida since the botched execution of Angel Diaz on Dec. 13. It took 34 minutes for Diaz to die — twice as long as normal — because the guards pushed the needles through his veins. (AP)

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# Dinosaur Had Mouth Like a Vacuum

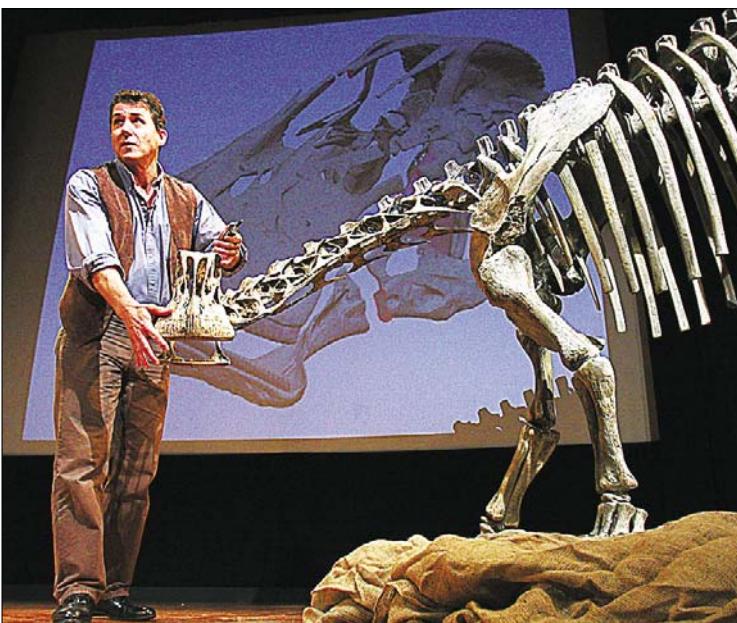
Scientists reconstruct skeleton of beast that roamed Sahara Desert

**WASHINGTON** | A dinosaur with a strange jaw designed to suck up food grazed in what is now the Sahara Desert about 110 million years ago.

Remains of the creature that "flabbergasted" paleontologist Paul Sereno went on display Thursday at the headquarters of the National Geographic Society.

Sereno and colleagues recovered, assembled and named the creature — *Nigersaurus taqueta* — that he said seems to break all the rules, yet still existed.

"The biggest eureka moment was when I was sitting at the desk with this jaw," he said. "I was sitting



Paleontologist Paul Sereno unveils a new dinosaur — a 30-foot-long creature named *Nigersaurus taqueta* — on Thursday at the National Geographic Society.



This artist's rendering shows the unique snout of *Nigersaurus taqueta*.

down just looking at it and saw a groove and ... realized that all the teeth were up front."

It's not normally a good idea to have all the teeth in the front of the jaw — hundreds in this case.

Sure, "it's great for nipping," Sereno said, "but that's not where you want to do your food processing."

"That was an amazing moment, we knew we had something no one had ever seen before," Sereno recalled.

Sereno, a National Geographic explorer-in-residence and paleontologist at the University of Chicago, said the first evidence of *Nigersaurus* was found in the 1990s and now researchers have been able to reconstruct its skull and skeleton.

The 30-foot-long *Nigersaurus* had a feather-light skull held close to the ground to graze like an ancient cow. Sereno described it as a younger cousin of the North American dinosaur *Diplodocus*.

*Nigersaurus* also had a backbone consisting of more air than bone.

"The vertebrae are so paper-thin that it is difficult to imagine them coping with the stresses of everyday use — but we know they did it, and they did it well," said Jeffrey Wilson, assistant professor at the University of Michigan and an expedition team member. RANDOLPH E. SCHMID (AP)

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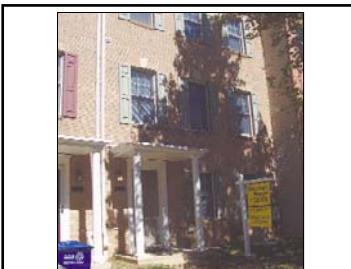
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**IN HOT WATER:** An Arctic seal named Sahara keeps turning up in warmer waters. The young seal was rescued off the coast of North Africa last year, far from his native habitat in the Arctic. He was brought to Britain, nursed back to health and freed into the wild — only to paddle in the wrong direction again.

## World

### In Brief



French commuters struggle to board a crowded subway in Paris on Thursday. REMY DE LA MAUVINIÈRE/AP

#### PARIS, FRANCE

#### French Commuters Endure Second Day of Transit Strike

France's transport strike eased but did not end Thursday, after President Nicolas Sarkozy accepted negotiations while refusing to budge on his belief that cushy retirement benefits must go. Frustrated commuters, many of whom had to walk, pedal or Rollerblade to work, urged Sarkozy to hang tough, saying France needs economic reforms to thrive. Rail and transport workers' unions vowed to press the walkout into a fourth day Friday. (AP)

#### BAGDAD, IRAQ

#### Gen. Reports Significant Drop in Roadside Bombs

Iran seems to be honoring a commitment to stem the flow of deadly weapons into Iraq, contributing to a more than 50 percent drop in the number of roadside bombs that kill and maim American troops, U.S. Maj. Gen. James Simmons said Thursday. The comments marked rare U.S. praise for Iranian cooperation in efforts to stabilize Iraq. (AP)

#### VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

#### Video Shows Police Used Taser on Man at Airport

Video released this week by Canadian authorities of the last moments of a Polish immigrant's life show police using a Taser on him shortly after they encountered him at Vancouver's airport. Robert Dziekanski, 40, of Pieszyce, Poland, began acting erratically after not seeing his mother in the airport baggage area on Oct. 14. Police officers later confronted Dziekanski with a Taser. (AP)

# IAEA: Iran Mostly Honest on Nukes

### White House to push for third round of U.N. sanctions against Iran

VIENNA, AUSTRIA | A report from the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency on Thursday found Iran to be generally truthful about key aspects of its nuclear history, but it warned that its knowledge of Tehran's present atomic work was shrinking.

The White House said it would continue to push for a third round of U.N. sanctions against Iran despite

the findings by the International Atomic Energy Agency report.

The IAEA report, released to its 35 board members, also confirmed that Tehran continued to defy the U.N. Security Council by ignoring its repeated demands to freeze uranium enrichment, a potential pathway to nuclear arms.



White House press secretary Dana Perino said the report indicated that Iran has not suspended its enrichment-related activities and continues to defy the international community.

"We believe that selective cooperation is not good enough," she said.

"Iran continues to walk away from a deal that has been offered to them. We said they can have a civil nuclear program if they'll just suspend their current activities."

But top Iranian negotiator Saeed

Jalili said the report shows that new sanctions would be "illegal action," adding that Iran has answered all the questions by the IAEA and made "good progress" in cooperating with it.

In light of the IAEA report, "many accusations are now baseless," Jalili said, referring to U.S. assertions that Tehran is pursuing nuclear weapons.

Britain's Foreign Office also said it would pursue further sanctions from the Security Council and the European Union. GEORGE JAHN (AP)



Residents take refuge at the Chila cyclone shelter in the Khulna district of Bangladesh on Thursday. Tropical Cyclone Sidr, packing 150 mph winds, forced at least 650,000 people to leave low-lying areas and wait out the storm in evacuation centers. FARJANA KHAN/GOHULY/AP/GETTY IMAGES

# Cyclone Batters Bangladesh Coast

### At least 650,000 flee low-lying areas for evacuation shelters

KHULNA, BANGLADESH | A powerful cyclone, packing 150 mph winds, slammed into Bangladesh on Thursday night, flattening homes, toppling trees and power poles, and forcing hundreds of thousands of people to flee for shelters in this low-lying nation.

Tropical Cyclone Sidr swept in from the Bay of Bengal, buffeting

the southwestern coastal areas within a 155-mile radius of its eye with heavy rain and storm surges predicted to reach 20 feet high.

No casualties were immediately reported.

At least 650,000 people fled to evacuation centers and 3.2 million people were expected to be evacuated in all, said Ali Imam Majumder, a senior government official.

Authorities dispatched food, medicine, tents and blankets to affected areas and suspended operations at the country's two

main seaports — Chittagong and Mongla — while ferry services and flights were halted across the coastal region. Ships were warned to return to shore.

In coastal districts, residents said the storm flattened thousands of straw and mud huts, flooded low-lying areas and uprooted trees and electric poles.

In the capital, incessant rain flooded some streets and stranded vehicles, while strong winds sent billboards flying.

SHEIKH DIDARUL ALAM (AP)

# Musharraf Appoints Interim PM

Bhutto urges fellow activists to join opposition alliance

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | Benazir Bhutto urged fellow opposition leaders Thursday to join her in an alliance that could govern until elections, but Pakistan's embattled military leader gave no sign he might hand over power and named his own interim prime minister.

The turmoil deepened as two children and an adult were killed during a gunbattle between police and protesters in Karachi — the first deaths during demonstrations since Musharraf suspended the constitution Nov. 3.

Late Thursday, police said Bhutto's house arrest was lifted.

Musharraf appointed Mohammad Soomro, the Senate chairman and a Musharraf loyalist, as interim prime minister to head a caretaker government to oversee the elections.

The move was necessary because Thursday marked the end of the current Parliament's term.

Soomro's appointment could strengthen widespread skepticism about Musharraf's assertions that the elections will be free and fair.

PAUL HAVEN (AP)

# World



**BELLY-LAUGH BAN:** Santas across Australia are being asked to change their traditional greeting of "ho, ho, ho" to "ha, ha, ha," the Australia Daily Telegraph reported. A recruitment firm that supplies hundreds of Santas across the country thinks that "ho, ho, ho" could insult women and frighten children. Two Santa hopefuls reportedly quit after the edict.

# 15,000 Homeless After Chile Quake

Major aftershocks hit northern region while president is visiting

**TOCOPILLA, CHILE** | Strong aftershocks from a powerful earthquake hit northern Chile on Thursday as the government erected a working military hospital and promised hundreds of other portable dwellings for 15,000 left homeless by the quake.

Government and army workers scrambled to distribute food, water and medicine after the 7.7-magnitude quake struck near the desert village of Quillagua in the foothills of the Andes on Wednesday, killing at least two people and injuring more than 150.

Major aftershocks shook the region Thursday, including one



Chilean President Michelle Bachelet, second from right, speaks to one of the victims of Wednesday's 7.7-magnitude earthquake in Tocopilla, Chile, on Thursday.

of magnitude 6.2 and another of magnitude 6.8, the U.S. Geological Survey said. There were no immediate reports of further damage or injuries.

The earthquake destroyed or damaged 4,000 houses and the local hospital, blocking roads, crushing cars and knocking out power across northern Chile, officials said.

This port city of 27,000 and the nearby mining town of Maria Elena were the hardest hit, and presidential spokesman Ricardo Lagos Weber said both would be declared disaster areas to expedite aid delivery.

President Michelle Bachelet also flew to the area Thursday and was meeting with residents in a debris-strewn Tocopilla street when the strongest aftershock hit. **FEDERICO QUILODRAN (AP)**

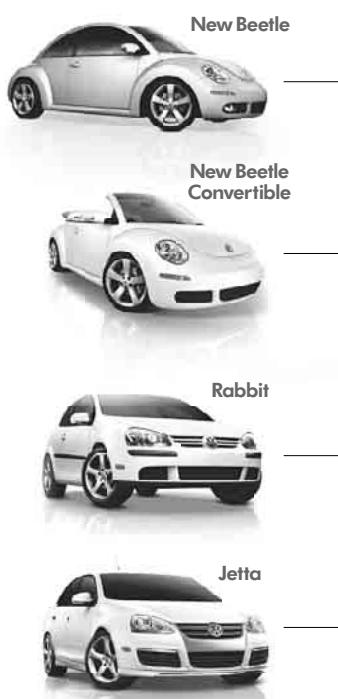
## Georgia's State Of Emergency To End on Friday

**TBILISI, GEORGIA** | A nationwide state of emergency imposed last week amid a police crackdown on opposition protests will end Friday under a measure approved overwhelmingly by Georgia's parliament.

Lawmakers voted 142-2 to lift the state of emergency as of 7 p.m. Friday.

The United States and other Western nations had pressured Georgia to end the state of emergency, which was imposed Nov. 7 by U.S.-allied President Mikhail Saakashvili after police violently dispersed opposition protests in the capital, Tbilisi.

Independent newscasts and demonstrations were banned as a result. **(AP)**



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**The total percentage of subscribers** to Virginia Tech's emergency alert system who electronically confirmed receipt of the school's second test of the alert. Of the 19,400 signed up for the service, only 6 percent confirmed the first test attempt on Oct. 10.

## Local

# Ex-Official: Tax Cheats Built System

Ousted director says accused helped create D.C. property tax rules

The two D.C. employees accused of bilking the city of millions of dollars helped create the real property tax system that they allegedly exploited, the ousted director of the Office of Tax and Revenue told the D.C. Council today.

Sherryl Hobbs Newman, who was forced to resign last week, testified today at the council's oversight hearing on the biggest theft by government employees in the city's history.

Without using their names, she said, "I know the accused worked on creating the first system used in the real property tax administration. They worked on the design of the current integrated system."



Newman

"It now appears that their involvement was to their benefit, not the city's.... Their knowledge of the operational strengths and weaknesses provided these people with the cloak to disguise their dishonest objectives." Harriette Walters, the former

manager in charge of property tax refunds, and her coworker, Diane Gustus, were arrested on Nov. 7 and charged with funneling more than \$20 million in refunds to sham companies controlled by relatives and others.

A Washington Post analysis of tax records shows that more than \$31 million in refunds are questionable dating back seven years.

NIKITA STEWART (THE WASHINGTON POST)

## Former MPD Chief Lands in Philadelphia

Charles Ramsey will look to curb targeted police shootings

PHILADELPHIA | Former District of Columbia police Chief Charles Ramsey will become Philadelphia's police commissioner in January, taking over a department trying to stem a rise in murders and a series of shootings targeting officers.

Mayor-elect Michael Nutter announced his choice on Thursday.

"We need a strong leader who

has the presence, the record and the passion to make a difference on the streets of Philadelphia," said Nutter, who takes office in January.

Ramsey is a Chicago native who worked in that city's police department for 31 years before going to Washington. He oversaw the district's 3,800-member force from April 1998 until he was replaced last year by a new mayor.

The District's longest-serving police chief in more than three decades, he has worked as a consultant since his departure. (AP)

### HUNTINGTOWN, MD. | LAID TO REST



MARVIN JOSEPH/TWP

**CHILDREN LOST:** Friends escort the casket of Ryan Purvis, 14, at Chesapeake Church in Huntingtown, Md., Thursday. Purvis died as a result of an automobile accident, along with his older sister, Alyson Purvis, 17, on Nov. 5.

## The Lotteries

Thursday, Nov. 15

### DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	<b>5-9-0</b>
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	<b>3-8-3</b>
Mid-day DC 4	<b>6-3-6-0</b>
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	<b>9-6-7-6</b>
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	<b>2-5-9-28-35</b>
Daily 6 (Wed.)	<b>13-14-17-18-32-39 Bonus: 16</b>
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	<b>5-13-23-32-37 (2)</b>

### MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	<b>1-3-5</b>
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	<b>6-9-0</b>
Mid-day Pick 4	<b>6-0-8-1</b>
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	<b>1-5-3-1</b>
Match 5 (Wed.)	<b>11-16-18-28-35 Bonus: 32</b>
Lotto (Wed.)	<b>16-21-22-28-29-36</b>

### VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	<b>0-6-4</b>
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	<b>7-1-1</b>
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	<b>8-7-3-2</b>
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	<b>0-5-3-4</b>
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	<b>6-7-20-30-33</b>
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	<b>2-5-11-18-27</b>
Win for Life (Wed.)	<b>8-12-14-19-26-41</b>

### MULTI-STATE GAMES

Powerball (Wed.)	<b>16-18-20-30-48 (6)</b>
Power Play	<b>2X</b>
Mega Millions (Tues.)	<b>15-26-36-39-40</b>
Mega Ball	<b>45</b>

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# Money

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The estimated number of Americans, in millions, who are expected to travel 50 or more miles over the Thanksgiving weekend, AAA reported on Thursday. The agency says 80 percent will drive despite near record-high gas prices.

## Market Action

### New York Stock Exchange

Gainers			
STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
IndepHld	17.89	+2.28	+14.6
URS	61.70	+5.95	+10.7
Theragen	4.38	+.42	+10.6
Ralcorp	61.24	+5.77	+10.4
Sothebys	38.27	+3.46	+9.9

Losers			
STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
GlobCash	3.71	-5.49	-59.7
NovaStrrs	2.08	-2.51	-54.7
LaBrnch	4.81	-.99	-17.1
Milacrn rsh	4.80	-.75	-13.5
Tefron	5.00	-.69	-12.1

### Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.23	5.23
3-month disc	4.76	4.81
2-year	4.68	4.64
10-year	4.67	4.68
30-year	4.83	4.86

### NASDAQ Stock Market

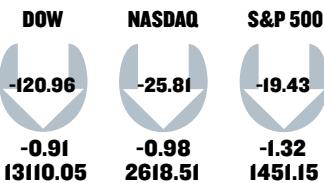
Gainers			
STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Voxware	5.89	+2.58	+77.9
MACC	4.44	+1.85	+71.4
AbraxisB n	59.75	+21.60	+56.6
Local.com	5.41	+1.68	+45.0
Iomai	1.45	-.11	-6.8

Losers			
STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Simclar If	5.35	-3.33	-38.4
Langer h	2.90	-1.05	-26.6
Lifeway	10.60	-3.12	-22.7
ClearPnt n	2.61	-.74	-22.1
AmElTch n	5.34	-1.11	-17.2

### Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.4894	.4863	.5293
Canadian Dollar	.9862	.9640	1.1399
European Euro	.6843	.6823	.7798
Japanese Yen	110.39	111.57	118.05
Mexican Peso	10.9377	10.8899	10.8459
Taiwanese Dollar	32.39	32.28	32.82



### Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AbtLab	54.48	+.17	+11.8
Allergens	64.21	-.93	+7.2
AstraZen	44.90	-.70	-16.2
BarrPhm	52.28	-.42	+4.3
BrMySq	27.75	-.36	+6.6
Cephl	75.45	-.98	+7.2
ForestLab	36.87	-.122	-27.1
Hospira	40.39	-.69	+20.3
JohnJn	66.88	-.01	+1.3
LillyEli	52.06	-.97	-.1
Merck	57.92	+.62	+32.8
Pfizer	23.29	-.32	-10.1
SchergPl	29.33	-.04	+24.1
WarnerChil	17.89	-.31	+29.5
Wyeth	47.49	+.07	-6.7

## USA Today to Cut Staff by 9 Percent

MCLEAN, VA. | USA Today, the highest circulation newspaper in the country and the flagship of industry leader Gannett Co., announced plans Thursday to eliminate about 45 newsroom jobs.

The job losses reflect a cut of almost 9 percent to a current newsroom staff of about 500, USA Today spokeswoman Alexandra Nicholson said.

They will be scattered through-

out the news, money, sports and lifestyle sections.

In a memo to staff sent on Thursday, USA Today Editor Ken Paulson said the paper hopes to reduce the staff through voluntary buyouts, but layoffs are possible. (AP)

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## Consumer Prices Soar in October

Rise in energy costs leads to continued elevated inflation rates

WASHINGTON | Consumer inflation posted another elevated reading in October as energy prices shot up at the fastest pace in five months.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that its Consumer Price Index rose by 0.3 percent last month, the second straight month with inflation at that level. The acceleration was occurring because of another jump in energy prices and continued increases in food costs.

Meanwhile, the government said that the number of laid-off workers filing claims for unemployment

benefits rose by 20,000 last week to 339,000, the highest level in four weeks. Labor Department analysts said the California wildfires boosted the number of jobless claims by about 2,000, and the writer's strike, which has shut down production on many television programs, was also having an impact.

Core inflation, which excludes energy and food, continued to rise at a more moderate rate of 0.2 percent in October, the fifth straight month at that level.

Before the back-to-back 0.3 percent gains in overall prices, consumer inflation had actually fallen by 0.1 percent in August and risen by just 0.1 percent in July.

MARTIN CRUTSINGER (AP)

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# There's No Place Like It

For Washingtonians, staying close to home is just a state of mind

**IN SUNDAY SOURCE | Home.** It's where the heart is. (So they say.) It's Mom's cooking and childhood memories — the place that shaped you. Or, alas, maybe it's a place you fled, gleefully. The point is, you can't really escape it, can you?

We asked Washingtonians hailing from all across the nation to tell us what reminds them of their home states — and what they miss most about where they were born and bred.

#### Alaska

**Christine Peters, 26, District**

**HOMETOWN:** Anchorage

**YEARS IN WASHINGTON:** Three

**WHAT REMINDS HER OF ALASKA:** The salmon burgers they sell at the Wellness Cafe (325 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, 202-543-2266), on Capitol Hill.

**WHAT SHE MISSES:** Real winters, the Northern Lights and Carhartts.

#### Colorado

**Tammy Tuck, 29, District**

**HOMETOWN:** Sterling

**YEARS IN WASHINGTON:** Seven

**WHAT REMINDS HER OF COLORADO:** The outdoorsy things that go on along the Potomac.

**WHAT SHE MISSES:** The giant sky full of stars at night.

#### Kentucky

**Mason Butler, 37, Arlington**

**HOMETOWN:** Louisville

**YEARS IN WASHINGTON:** Two

**WHAT REMINDS HIM OF KENTUCKY:** Middleburg. It's a nice drive out Route 50. [It] seems like a little town along the Paris Pike, with all the horse farms.

**WHAT HE MISSES:** The hospitality. People here are nice but not as genuine or easy to get along with as Kentuckians.

#### North Carolina

**Andrea Hall, 35, District**

**HOMETOWN:** Mount Airy

**YEARS IN WASHINGTON:** Four



**TASTE OF ALASKA:** Christine Peters, 26, finds a little bit of Anchorage when eating a salmon burger at the Wellness Cafe in D.C.



**HORsing AROUND:** Middleburg, Va., fills in for Kentucky for Mason Butler, 37.

#### WHAT REMINDS HER OF NORTH CAROLINA:

Market Lunch (306 Seventh St. SE, 202-547-8444) at Eastern Market. Not only does the feel of the counter remind me of lunch counters my dad used to take me to in Mount Airy; they also serve North Carolina-style barbecue there.

**WHAT SHE MISSES:** Being surrounded

by people who understand the importance of Tar Heel basketball.

#### Oregon

**Alison R. Santore, 27, Arlington**

**HOMETOWN:** Portland

**YEARS IN WASHINGTON:** Four

**WHAT REMINDS HER OF OREGON:** The protesters. Portland, like D.C.,

for more ...

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**Carrie Beauchamp, 33, Alexandria**

**HOMETOWN:** Milwaukee

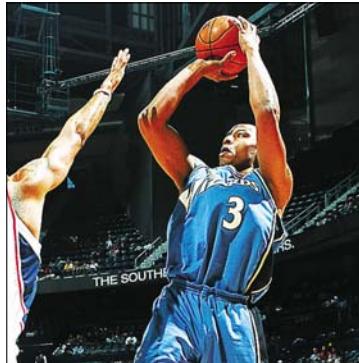
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**WHAT SHE MISSES:** I miss real snow, obviously! JULIA FELDMEIER (SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST)

# Sports Weekend

## TV Lineup



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The Wizards play back-to-back games this weekend for the third time this year.

**→ WEEKEND TO WIN:** This weekend is as good as any for the Wizards to make up some ground after a shaky start to the season—against the Timberwolves in Minnesota on Friday (8 p.m. on CSN+) and then at home against the Trailblazers on Saturday in a non-televisioned matchup.

**→ FROZEN OUT:** A 3-0 record seems like a lifetime ago for the Caps, but captain Chris Clark will lead his team into Tampa Bay to try to turn things around against the Tampa Bay Lightning on Friday (8 p.m. on CSN).

**→ DEJA BLUE:** It's that time of year again. No. 7 Ohio State will try to dot the "I" for the fourth year in a row against No. 21 Michigan. Saturday's game (noon on ABC) is for the Big Ten title and, likely, a trip to the Rose Bowl.

**→ SUNDAYS ARE FOR FUTBOL:** Even though D.C. United is out, Washington will still host the MLS Cup at RFK Stadium. The New England Revolution takes on the Houston Dynamos for the title on Sunday (noon on ABC).

**→ TITLE TIME:** It seems like Jimmie Johnson has the Nextel Cup in the bag going into the last race of the season, the Ford 400. But Jeff Gordon is just 8 points back and a blown tire away from coming back to claim his fifth title on Sunday (3:30 p.m. on ABC).

# High-Octane '0'

## With Taylor out, rival Cowboys may go deep

**REDSKINS** | Women want to collar him. Fans want to be like him. Defenses want to bloody him.

But the Redskins just want to be one point better than Tony Romo in Texas on Sunday.

Dallas week is upon us, and the Cowboys are thrashing teams.

The Cowboys are averaging an NFC-best 32.9 points and 396.8 yards of total offense. When Romo isn't busy being linked to starlets, he's throwing touchdowns—23 of them in his first nine games.

"They are stomping around on everyone," Redskins head coach Joe Gibbs said.

### Three Burning QUESTIONS

**1 Confidence in Gibbs?** Offensive philosophy and time management issues have led to questions about whether the legendary coach should step aside. The players aren't buying it. "I know how hard he works," linebacker Marcus Washington said.

**2 Barber cutting through?** Dallas running back Marion Barber has had 20 touchdowns in his last 25 games. "He's one of the most underrated backs in the league," Fred Smoot said.

**3 Can Jason Campbell equal Romo?** He'll likely need to put up at least three touchdowns like last week to keep the Redskins in the game.



Everyone knows that T.O. is the loudmouth, but Tony Romo seems to be the talk of the town.

That makes it the wrong time for Gibbs' best defender to be sidelined.

Safety Sean Taylor (five interceptions) will miss Sunday's game at Texas Stadium with a sprained knee. Probably the single biggest influence in the Redskins' improved secondary play, Taylor's absence created an immediate void where the Cowboys' offense likes to look most: deep down the field.

"As soon as he came out of the game, [Philadelphia] went deep," defensive end Phillip Daniels said. "He means a lot to us."

Reggie Brown's 45-yard touchdown catch during the Eagles' comeback win last week at FedEx Field may have provided a glimpse of what Romo will look to do against Washington. Dallas already has 45 plays of 20 yards or more this season, and self-promotion king Terrell Owens leads the NFC in receiving yards (855). He's gone for over 100 in each of the last three games.

With the Cowboys (8-1) already running away with the division, the Redskins desperately need to beat their biggest rival at least once this season if they want to be playing in January.

"Best rivalry in football," cornerback Fred Smoot said. "It doesn't matter what team comes in with what record in this game." ERIC BRANDNER



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**COLLEGE FOOTBALL** | **Playing Time** There's plenty of drama on the football field, but once the season is over, Wake Forest running back Micah Andrews will play under a whole new set of Friday night lights. The fifth-year theater major will direct his first production in the spring, a play titled "An Evening With Dead Essex." Andrews has rushed for 346 yards and two TDs in his first season back from a knee injury. "He has kind of an internal burn that draws you in," said Sharon Andrews, an associate professor of theater at Wake Forest. (AP)

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# What to Watch For



WHEN THE COWBOYS HAVE THE BALL

**RB Marion Barber vs. S Pierson Prioleau**

We were looking forward to seeing Barber go head-to-head (perhaps literally) with Redskins safety Sean Taylor. Barber, after all, seems to be the offensive version of Taylor — in that both guys appear to care more about knocking off helmets than anything else. But with Taylor sidelined, we will have to wait until Week 17. Barber is a rare combination of bruising runner and threat out of the backfield. His most important trait, however, is his nose for the end zone. He's still sharing the rushing duties with Julius Jones, but he has seven touchdowns through nine games. Prioleau is smaller and less physical than Taylor (Who isn't?), but he's certainly not soft. He's a Gregg Williams guy (he played in Buffalo from 2001 to 2004), and the Virginia Tech alumnus is on pace to have the best year of his career.

IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)



Cowboys running back Marion Barber notched 16 touchdowns last year while splitting carries with Julius Jones. This season, he has seven touchdowns through the first nine games.



WHEN THE REDSKINS HAVE THE BALL

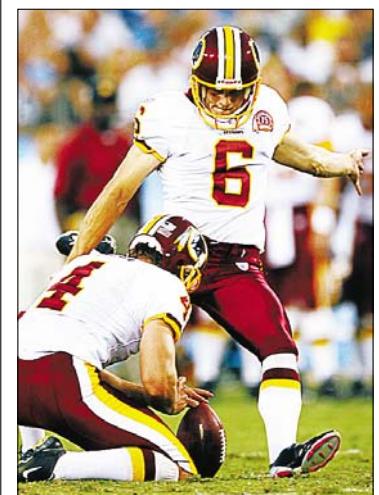
**FB Mike Sellers vs.  
LB DeMarcus Ware**

Sellers has been more involved in the offense this year than ever before. After carrying the ball just 14 times in his first seven seasons, the 245-pound fullback has been called on 22 times this year. He also has 13 catches for 82 yards and two total touchdowns this season. But his play with the ball isn't what makes him a key matchup this week. Sellers is a ferocious blocker, and he'll be going up against a Dallas defense that has been underrated all year. The Cowboys are the NFL's fifth-best defense, and they allow just 86.8 yards per game on the ground. Ware, an athletic third-year linebacker out of Auburn, is the player to stop. He has 52 tackles and eight sacks through nine games.

**X Factors**

## → Cowboys WR Patrick Crayton

The wide receiver hasn't been the most consistent threat for the Cowboys this season, but he is having the best year of his career, and he definitely has big-play potential. Against the Rams, he ran wild for 184 yards and two touchdowns and he has five TD catches through nine games. But that St. Louis game is his only 100-yard game.



## → Redskins K Shaun Suisham

The Redskins' kicker has made his last six field goals, including four from beyond 40 yards to help Washington beat the Jets. But last week he missed an extra point that led to both teams' trying to chase two-point conversions. He's been remarkably consistent as far as Washington kickers go, but you can't miss any opportunities against Dallas.



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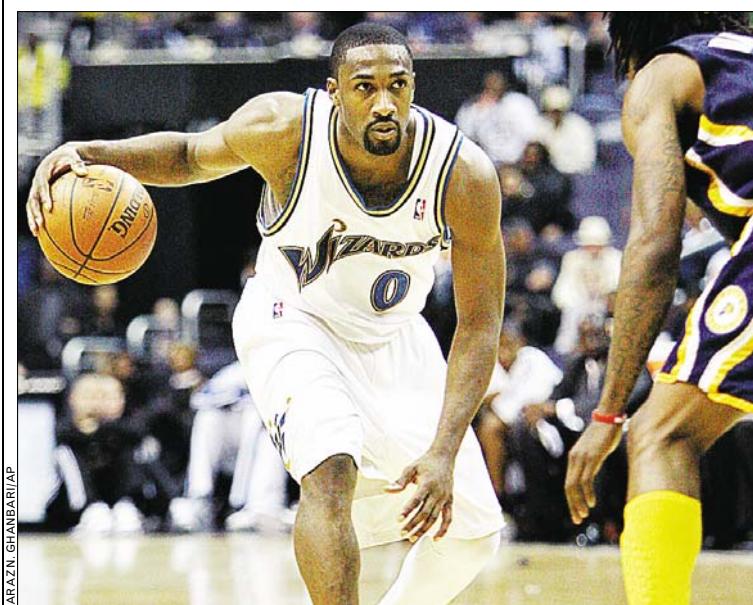
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## Weekend | Sports



Wizards guard Gilbert Arenas put up 30 points and dished out 11 assists in Wednesday's win over Indiana, Washington's second win in as many games.

# Coach Stands Behind Arenas

Even when Gilbert was struggling, Jordan praised his star guard

**WIZARDS** | His numbers are down from last year, and, at times, his knee has looked stiff. He has struggled in the Wizards' two back-to-back games, and his team started the season 0-5 before winning its last two games.

But even through the worst parts of Gilbert Arenas' (and the Wizards') slow start, Wizards coach Eddie Jordan was steadfast in his support of his star player. In fact, he repeatedly made the claim that — get this — Arenas was becoming a better player. For the most part, everyone ignored it, preferring to focus on Arenas' points per game rate, which is down from 28.5 to 21.7, and field goal percentage (37.7 compared to 41.8 last year).

On Wednesday night against the Pacers, Arenas showed the rest of us why Jordan was so pleased. He picked his spots and got to 30 points, but, mostly, he played the role of distributor, dishing out 11 assists.

"Guys were making shots tonight," Arenas told The Washington Post after that game. "That's what a team is. ... When we're playing like that, I

can pick my spots."

It's Arenas the point guard that Jordan has been happy to see this season. This weekend poses a good test for Arenas and the Wizards, who are starting to look like they can get back on track after their disappointing start. The team travels to Minnesota on Friday to play a rebuilding Timberwolves team and then comes home to host Portland. Both are winnable games, which would improve the team's record to 4-5, but another set of back-to-back games could be a challenge for Arenas.

The Wizards have had two back-to-backs so far this season, and Arenas has struggled both times. Against Orlando in the second game of the year, Arenas had what Jordan described as his only poor half of physical play all year. A week later, the Wizards lost to Denver, and Jordan called it "one of the most disappointing games I've ever been involved in."

Arenas totaled 28 points in those two games and looked physically defeated at times.

"Back to back is going to be difficult for him right now," Jordan said after the Denver loss. "It's going to be hard. He plays very hard."

IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)

## Sunday PICK'EM

**Matt Swenson**  
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REDSKINS (PLUS 10.5) AT COWBOYS

**COWBOYS**

Minus Sean Taylor, this may resemble "Ugly Betty," sans Rebecca Romijn.



BROWNS (MINUS 3) AT RAVENS

**BROWNS**

You'd have to be out of your mind to pick the Ravens the way they are playing.



CHARGERS (PLUS 3) AT JAGUARS

**JAGUARS**

Chargers' luck doesn't last this week against the solid Jaguars.



GIANTS (MINUS 3) AT LIONS

**GIANTS**

The G-men look too good to undergo their usual second-half swan dive.



TITANS (PLUS 2) AT BRONCOS

**TITANS**

Vince Young is one of those players you just can't ever bet against.

**COWBOYS**

I didn't think one player could break a defense ... until Sean Taylor went out last week.

**RAVENS**

Without Steve McNair's mistakes, the Ravens might have a shot.

**JAGUARS**

Jacksonville doesn't let anyone — not even Norv — score a lot of points.

**GIANTS**

I keep waiting for the Giants to stumble, but they only lose to good teams.

**BRONCOS**

Jay Cutler is the best quarterback from the 2006 draft.

**REDSKINS**

Just like my dysfunctional family, they'll come together for the holidays.

**RAVENS**

Forget the offense; Lewis and company will fight like junk-yard dogs.

**JAGUARS**

I don't think there's enough juice left in the Chargers' battery after Indy last week.

**GIANTS**

These Lions are going to need more than "courage" to score on the Giants' D.

**TITANS**

The Titans may not join the mile-high club, but they'll keep the Broncos in coach.

**COWBOYS**

The Cowboys are starting to get spreads like the Patriots.

**BROWNS**

Only two teams have scored fewer points than the Ravens.

**JAGUARS**

The Chargers are the AFC's No. 1 under-achievers, but they got lucky last week.

**LIONS**

The Lions are 4-0 at home but are underdogs against a team with the same record.

**TITANS**

The Titans should be able to run all night.

**SEASON TALLY** | Matt Swenson: 24-23-4; Ian Herbert: 20-27-4; Celebs: 28-27-4; Dave Goldberg: 19-19-2; Leader: Mark Plotkin (4-1)

## Ricky Williams Gets the Go-Ahead

NFL | Ricky Williams' reinstatement is complete, with the Miami Dolphins saying they'll welcome him back on the field beginning Monday.

First-year coach Cam Cameron

decided to let Williams rejoin the team after they met Thursday. The NFL lifted Williams' 1½-year suspension Wednesday.

"The meeting was positive,"

Cameron said. "He'll be a member of this team and will start with us Monday. He's a Miami Dolphin." For months, Cameron had been mum regarding whether he would want Williams. "Circumstances have changed," Cameron said. (AP)

# Rivals at War Over the Roses

**Michigan-OSU winner will likely spend New Year's Day in Pasadena**

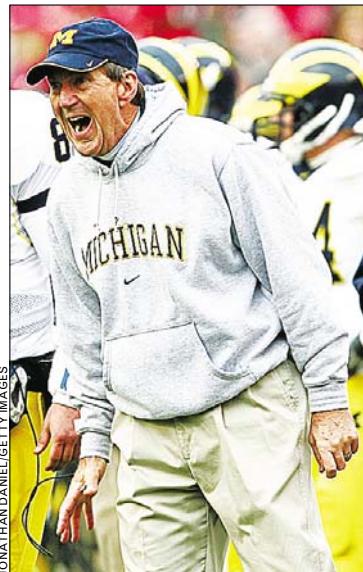
**COLLEGE PICKS** | The folks who run the Rose Bowl have to be pleased, though they won't admit Ohio State's misfortune was to their benefit.

The winner of the Ohio State-Michigan game Saturday will be the outright Big Ten champion and in all likelihood is headed to Pasadena, Calif., for the Granddaddy of Them All on Jan. 1. The picks:

→ **NO. 5 WEST VIRGINIA (MINUS 6 1/2) at NO. 21 CINCINNATI.** The Bearcats lead nation with 35 takeaways ... **CINCINNATI, 33-30.**

→ **NO. 7 OHIO STATE (OFF) at NO. 23 MICHIGAN.** The Buckeyes have won three straight and four of five meetings ... **MICHIGAN, 28-24.**

→ **NO. 22 KENTUCKY (PLUS 7 1/2) at NO. 8 GEORGIA.** The Bulldogs have scored 40-plus in three straight ... **GEORGIA, 43-28.**



Michigan coach Lloyd Carr has lost four of the last five to rival Ohio State.

→ **MIAMI (PLUS 17) at NO. 10 VIRGINIA TECH.** The 'Canes need another win to become bowl-eligible ... **VIRGINIA TECH, 26-10.**

→ **NO. 18 BOSTON COLLEGE (PLUS 7 1/2) at NO. 15 CLEMSON.** The winner goes to ACC title game ... **CLEMSON, 33-21.**

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## Swengali

BASEBALL | BY MATT SWENSON, MATT.SWENSON@READEXPRESS.COM

### A-Rod's Greed Hurts His Teams

IF YOU HAD TO START a baseball team with one player, would you choose Alex Rodriguez?

Apparently, the New York Yankees would.

Reports have surfaced that the Bronx Bombers are willing to bring back their prodigal son only weeks after saying their apparent final farewells.

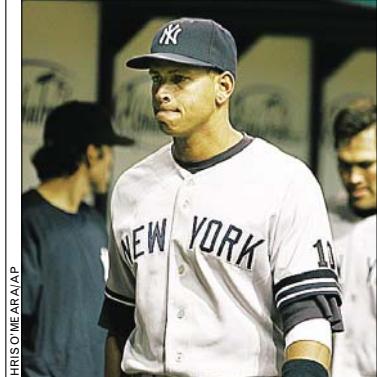
It's true that they likely won't hit the \$350 million target A-Rod aimed for initially. The poor guy will have to settle for what looks to be a measly \$270 million.

Rodriguez is the game's best player. Historically, he is one of the game's greatest hitters.

That said, he is also one of the greediest.

Some say he carries a dark cloud around him. This explains why he's never played in a World Series and why his old teams seem to do better without him.

What Rodriguez either fails to recognize or just doesn't care about is that when you require an astronomi-



CHRIS O'MEARA/AP  
It looks like star 3B Alex Rodriguez could go back to the Yankees after all.

cal amount of money to play (even by baseball's standards), the team doesn't have enough cash left over to build a championship roster.

When even the Yankees can't get out of the first round while sporting the best player, something is wrong.

New York can't play dumb this time around. A-Rod may have the most talent, but the focus on money brings him and those around him down. He'll sell tickets and hit homers while the Yankees wonder how nice it would be to be able to afford better pitchers.

## Peavy Unanimous Cy Young Winner

San Diego righty runs away with the NL's top pitching honor

BASEBALL | Jake Peavy was a unanimous winner of the NL Cy Young Award after leading the league in wins, ERA and strikeouts — pitching's version of a Triple Crown.

The San Diego Padres ace received all 32 first-place votes and finished with 160 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Arizona sinkerballer Brandon Webb,



last year's winner, was a distant runner-up with 94 points. He was listed second on 31 ballots and third on one.

"Obviously, I was elated. This is as big as it gets as far as individual awards," Peavy said on a conference call. "Truly amazing. A very humbling day when you think about all my peers that take the mound every fifth day."

Peavy went 19-6 while topping the majors in ERA (2.54) and strikeouts (240) for the Padres, who came within one win of their third consecutive playoff berth. He joined Roger Clemens as the only starting pitchers to win a Cy Young Award without tossing a complete game.

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# Revenge for Revolution

In its 3rd straight try, New England tries to keep loose for rematch

**MLS CUP** | New England Revolution players ran up and down the practice field. They laughed, cursed and knocked each other down.

Five days before their third straight appearance in the MLS Cup championship game, the losers of the last two weren't feeling much pressure. It was time, coach Steve Nicol said, for a spirited workout.

They'll get serious when Sunday's rematch of last year's final against the Houston Dynamo in Washington gets closer.

"We had a 10-day stretch between the last game and the final," Nicol said Tuesday. "So if you're going to be wound up for 10 days, you'll have nothing left by the time the game comes."

The Revolution have lost all three of their MLS Cup games in the last five seasons. Last year, they led 1-0 on Taylor Twellman's overtime goal, but Brian Ching tied the game 71

## SCORING SCHEDULE

Although D.C. United may be watching the game at home, the Screaming Eagles will host festivities for the MLS Cup all weekend:

- **Friday:** Welcome to D.C. Happy Hour with MLS stars Bobby Boswell, Chris Armas and Preki at the Grand Slam Bar (1000 H St., NW 7 p.m.).
- **Saturday:** Supporters Soccer Celebration including a 4x4 Street Soccer tournament with Troy Perkins and Chris Armas (RFK Lot 8, 8:30 a.m. to noon).
- **Saturday:** Supporters Summit — a roundtable discussion with MLS commissioner Don Garber and United Owner Will Chang (Babylon Futbol Cafe, 3501 S. Jefferson St., Falls Church, Va., 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.).
- **Sunday:** Supporters Tailgate — Morning Brunch (RFK Lot 8, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., followed by a little soccer game of some sort at noon).

seconds later. Then Houston won on penalty kicks, 4-3.

"It was the hardest loss I think I've had," goalkeeper Matt Reis said. "You learn from those things. So, hopefully, this year it'll be completely different."

The Revolution reached the title game with a 1-0 win over Chicago in the Eastern Conference final last Thursday night. The Dynamo got there by beating Kansas City in the Western Conference final last Saturday night.

Both teams have solid defenses. "All the hard work throughout

the year has paid off," Houston midfielder Dwayne De Rosario said.

The Dynamo had the league's best defense, allowing just 23 goals in 30 games. The Revolution have recorded shut-outs in all three

Taylor Twellman will be a go-to guy this weekend.



WINSLOW TOWNSON/AP

playoff games this season.

They nearly had one in last season's MLS Cup. But Houston scored when a ball deflected off Revolution defender Avery John's head and went right to Ching, who beat Reis. Ching also scored the deciding penalty kick before New England's Jay Heaps missed the last attempt.

"We're not kind of looking at it as a revenge thing," Nicol said. "We just want to go and do well."

The Dynamo will have to stop Twellman, who scored the winning goal against Chicago on an acrobatic bicycle kick, and midfielder Shalrie Joseph, who has been selected for the last four MLS all-star games.

"He's the guy in the middle who holds things together for them," Houston coach Dominic Kinnear said.

The Revolution certainly know about their frustrating experiences in MLS Cup games. And Nicol said they're "desperate" to win.

Yet several of his players said they don't feel much pressure.

"I don't think there's pressure," Twellman admitted. "I think there's an anxiety."

HOWARD ULMAN(AP)

# Emilio Wins MVP With 20 Goals

In his 1st MLS season, a D.C. United striker receives top honors

**UNITED** | D.C. United further established itself as the undisputed kings of Major League Soccer's regular season, becoming the first club to feature the league's MVP in consecutive years. In 2006, it was playmaker Christian Gomez, and, in 2007, it is Luciano Emilio, who beat out New York striker Juan Pablo Angel and the Chicago Fire's Cuauhtemoc Blanco for the honor.

The Brazilian, who joined D.C. this season from Honduran club Olimpia, scored a league-leading 20 goals — the most by an MLS player since Dallas' Carlos Ruiz netted 24 playing for Los Angeles five years ago. Emilio tallied four game-winners and also scored four in the



VICTOR DE COLON/GETTY IMAGES

None of Luciano Emilio's league-leading 20 goals in 2007 came off penalty kicks.

**CONCACAF Champions Cup** | Most impressive was that none came on penalty kicks (Jaime Moreno's specialty), while five of Angel's 19 were

from the spot.

Although the Colombian newcomer clearly improved the Red Bulls, Emilio's ruthlessness in the

run of play apparently made the difference to the players, coaches, GMs, and media who voted.

Emilio, 28, called the award "the best moment of my career" and said that he remains committed to United despite increased notoriety that may attract interest from more prestigious foreign clubs.

"I have a three-year contract. We speak next week about next season, but I don't have a problem. I like Washington, D.C. The team is a big team in the United States, and I think I stay here."

Should he stay, his next challenge will be to help United do more than just dominate the regular season. United will watch New England and Houston contest the MLS Cup final on its own turf Sunday thanks to a first-round playoff loss to Chicago. D.C. was winless and Emilio scoreless in the season's final five matches. BRIAN STRAUS

## New England Owner Buses Fans in for Free

**MLS CUP** | The New England Revolution are offering fans free round-trip bus rides to Washington for the MLS Cup between the Revolution and defending champion Houston Dynamos.



The buses will leave from Gillette Stadium on Saturday morning. Fans will still have to buy their own game tickets.

"Our fans have been the backbone of our team since its early years, so we're proud to be able to provide them with free round-trip transportation to MLS Cup 2007," said owner Robert Kraft, who also owns the NFL New England Patriots. (AP)

# Weekend Sports

# Fall From Grace for FSU

Seminole were ACC's most-feared opponent for so many seasons

**TERPS FOOTBALL** | Garnet and gold.

Those colors don't bring about the same reverence in this region as, say, burgundy and gold. But for many years they signified something better: excellence and intimidation.

Florida State joined the Atlantic Coast Conference in 1992, but it was in name only. The Seminoles were in a league of their own. Warrick Dunn and Peter Warrick became household names. Charlie Ward and Chris Weinke counted victories and courted Heisman voters. And through it all, Bobby Bowden coached up the boys in garnet and gold.

It took the Maryland Terrapins until 2004 to finally defeat the Seminoles. In Tallahassee on Saturday, Maryland (5-5, 2-4 in the ACC) will go for its third victory in four years against FSU.

The playing field has evened out.

"When we beat them the first time, there were only three teams that had beaten them in the ACC," Terps coach Ralph Friedgen said. "Now there's quite a few."

The Seminoles (6-4, 3-4) have struggled lately. They've had at least three losses in each of the last six years. Another loss this year will give them four five-loss seasons in that time period.

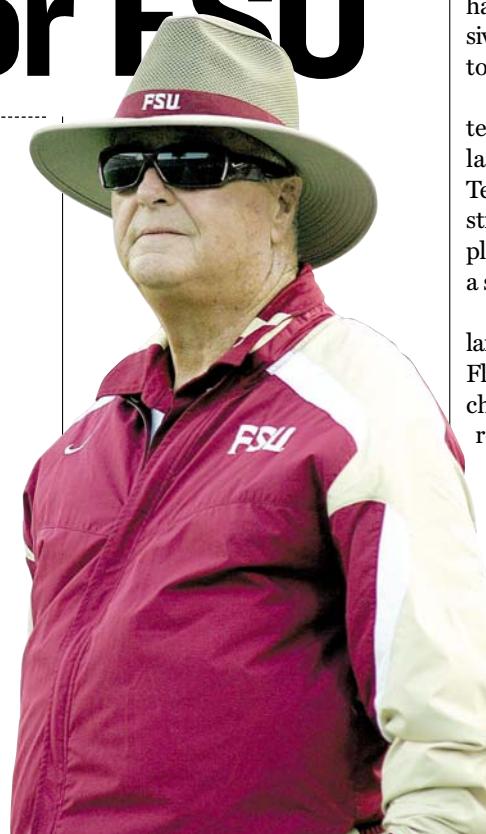
Things got so bad last year that at one point someone handed Bowden a stack of e-mails — "an inch thick," he said — to point out all the bad things being said about

## TERPS' HISTORY VS. FSU

<b>1992</b>	61-29	LOSS
<b>1993</b>	49-20	LOSS
<b>1994</b>	52-20	LOSS
<b>1995</b>	59-17	LOSS
<b>1996</b>	48-10	LOSS
<b>1997</b>	50-7	LOSS
<b>1998</b>	24-10	LOSS
<b>1999</b>	49-10	LOSS
<b>2000</b>	59-7	LOSS
<b>2001</b>	52-31	LOSS
<b>2002</b>	37-10	LOSS
<b>2003</b>	35-10	LOSS
<b>2004</b>	20-17	WIN
<b>2005</b>	35-27	LOSS
<b>2006</b>	27-24	WIN

→ From 1992 to 2003, FSU won by an average of nearly 33 points per game.

→ In three games since, Maryland has been out-scored 76-74 but won two of



MARC SEROTA/GETTY IMAGES

the team. Eventually, the Seminoles had to let go of the longtime offensive coordinator, who also happened to be Bowden's son Jeff.

Injuries have plagued the team this year, and by the end of last week's 40-21 loss to Virginia Tech, Florida State had its fourth-string quarterback in the game. He played one snap and was sacked for a safety.

The players who make up Maryland's 2007 roster grew up watching Florida State each year as a national championship contender. So, they respect the history.

"You think of the greats," Terps sophomore receiver Darrius Heyward-Bey said. "You think of Deion [Sanders] and Peter Warrick... It's always good to play a team with great tradition and history."

But they've also come of age in a time when the Seminoles don't strike fear into the hearts of opposing players the way they once did.

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**Local Genre:** Experience Unlimited frontman Sugar Bear will be honored as a legend of go-go on Sunday night. | **23**

# Entertainment Weekend



**FACE-OFF WITH ANGELINA:** The Viking hero "Beowulf," played by Ray Winstone, prepares to attack Grendel's mother.

## Epic Experience

### 'Beowulf' comes complete with slick effects and hot bods

**FILM** | The name "Beowulf" alone surely will inspire painful memories of high school English class and pangs of dread.

Never fear. This 3-D animated "Beowulf" is more like "300," only with more violence, if that's possible. And nudity — lots and lots of nudity.

Director Robert Zemeckis, using the same performance-cap-

ture technology he introduced with 2004's "The Polar Express," takes on the epic Old English poem by sexing it up.

Adapted by Neil Gaiman and Roger Avary (who co-wrote "Pulp Fiction"), the film follows the mythic Viking hero who emerges from the sea to rid a Danish kingdom of the bloody, raging, pus-covered monster Grendel (played with pathos and twisted physicality by Crispin Glover). Only then can there be much merry-making and mead-drinking and wench-bedding.

The 3-D effects are extremely cool — and "Beowulf" is also being shown in IMAX 3-D, if your brain can stand the sensory overload. The way stuff comes at you (swords, spurts of blood) makes you feel as if you're fully immersed in this ancient world.

The storied Beowulf is played with a growl and a roar and very little clothing by Ray Winstone, though the character on-screen strangely looks nothing like Winstone, the slightly tubby yet powerful British actor best known for his work in "The Departed."

Everyone else in the stellar cast resembles the actors playing them: Anthony Hopkins, John Malkovich, Robin Wright Penn, Brendan Gleeson and especially Angelina Jolie as Grendel's seductive, magical mother.

After watching his celebratory hall torn apart and many of his people slaughtered, Hopkins' aging King Hrothgar prays that someone will come to his kingdom and kill the mighty, and mightily misunderstood, Grendel. (And the creature is a frighteningly grotesque figure to behold.) His prayers are answered when Beowulf arrives on his shores with his army of warriors; meanwhile, his young queen, Wealthow (Penn), finds herself unexpectedly smitten.

Beowulf likes the riches, women and celebrity that being a well-known slayer of sea monsters and dragons can bring — so much so that he perhaps fudges the details here and there in the retelling of his many conquests.

Nevertheless, when it comes time to take on this beast in the town hall, Beowulf promptly strips down — no weapons, no armor — to fight Grendel on equal terms, mano a mangled mano. (His nudity also allows for an amusing sequence, reminiscent of "Austin Powers," in which several items are placed strategically to obscure his manhood: a candlestick, one of his men's helmets. So naughty!) 

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)



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**I need Fritz's advice on local microbreweries. I'm getting my brother-in-law local beer for Christmas. His wife he likes "mild" beer.**

Old Rag, a Scottish-style ale from the Shenandoah Brewing Company in Alexandria — dark, rich, malty and almost too tasty. If you want a growler, I was recently reminded how good the Raccoon Red at Rock Bottom Brewing Company is.

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## 'Darko's' Malformed Cousin

### From the director of a cult favorite comes an apocalyptic mess

**FILM** | "Southland Tales" writer-director Richard Kelly tries to tell a comic adventure about an apocalypse close at hand. With ambition far exceeding his ability, he manages only an artistic apocalypse.

Irksomely self-important, deliberately cryptic and cluttered, "Southland Tales" may strain

the patience even of the cult that embraced Kelly's first film, "Donnie Darko," a cinematic riddle that looks mainstream next to this fiasco.

There are clever moments here and there. But taken as a whole, you're left wondering whether the eclectic cast — which includes Sarah Michelle Gellar, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Sean William Scott, Mandy Moore and Justin Timberlake — had any clue what the story was about.

The Fourth of July in 2005



Sarah Michelle Gellar and Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson in "Southland Tales." DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

brought terrorist nuclear explosions to Texas, and in the three years after, America has become a paranoid police state.

The movie rambles pointlessly from situation to situation and character to character, the players including an amnesiac action star (Johnson), a porn queen (Gellar), a cop (Scott) with a mysterious twin brother and a soldier (Timberlake) disfigured by some vaguely referenced tragedy in Fallujah. 

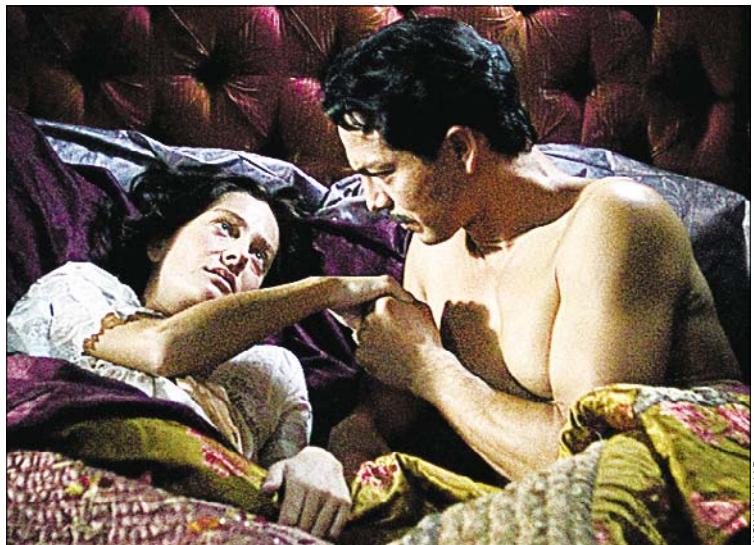
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# Weekend Entertainment



**ARRANGED MARRIAGE:** Femina and Dr. Urbino are strangers and newlyweds.

# Dulled in Translation

## 'Love in the Time of Cholera' loses its magic off the page

**FILM** | Much of the great joy of reading an author like Gabriel Garcia Marquez is the fact that you're reading him — that you're allowing yourself to become engrossed in his florid phrasing and vivid descriptions, that he's taking you to a fully realized place, and that you're succumbing, gladly.

When a writer's voice is as distinctive as the Colombian Nobel Prize winner's, it's difficult to replicate it on-screen, even though director Mike Newell and screenwriter Ronald Harwood remain largely faithful to "Love in the Time of Cholera" in their wildly flawed adaptation of Garcia Marquez's sweeping 1985 novel about a decades-old romantic obsession.

Harwood won an Academy Award for his adaptation of "The Pianist"; here, he maintains much of the original dialogue, but the meaning and emotion behind it is often strangely lacking. So, when the elegant Dr. Juvenal Urbino (Benjamin Bratt) assures his virgin bride (Giovanna Mezzogiorno) on their honeymoon, "This is going to be a lesson in love," a line that might have seemed palatable on the page clangs

on the ear instead.

Similarly, the lovesick Florentino Ariza, insufficiently fleshed out without the benefit of pages upon pages of backstory, comes off as a crazed stalker, a guy who needs to get a life (as well as a sturdier stomach). This, despite that he's played by Javier Bardem, an actor who's shown time and again that he has a great capacity for subtlety.

Told mainly in flashbacks, "Cholera" follows the 51 years, nine months and four days from the time the young telegraph clerk Florentino first professes his love for the seemingly unattainable schoolgirl Fermina Daza (Mezzogiorno) until he catches up with her again following the accidental death of her husband (Bratt).

During that span, he takes 622 lovers (he keeps a running list of them in his journal) but longs for Fermina regardless of his companion. (One of them is played with endearing vulnerability by Laura Harring, who's woefully underused.)

Fermina, meanwhile, chose to marry the wealthy and far more socially acceptable Dr. Urbino; she's lived a comfortable life with him and hasn't thought of Florentino much until he shows up at her husband's funeral, expecting them to pick up where they left off.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

# Casualties of War

## A gruesome tale from Iraq is fictionalized by Brian De Palma

**FILM** | Brian De Palma's outrage over the war in Iraq is palpable in "Redacted," his fictionalized telling of the real-life rape and murder of a teenage girl by U.S. soldiers.

Certainly, this is a story that people need to know about, if they didn't know it already. His technique, however, tends to be gimmicky and clichéd.

The writer-director strays from his typically stylized aesthetic with this stripped-down pastiche of fake footage: a soldier's hand-held video diary, a French duo's sepia-toned documentary, TV news pieces and online video from both a terrorist Web site and the blog of an Army man's wife.

That the unknown cast members mostly look stiff and self-conscious, as if they're performing an off-Broadway play on film, contributes to the sensation that we're watching something that's obviously staged and makes it tougher to become truly immersed.

In revisiting much of the same territory as his 1989 Vietnam picture "Casualties of War," De Palma presents the tried-and-true types



**IN THE ARMY:** Rob Devaney, Kel O'Neil, Mike Figueroa and Izzy Diaz in "Redacted."

of the genre. Within this unit of soldiers at a checkpoint in Samarra, there's the bookish Blix (Kel O'Neil); the enthusiastic Salazar (Izzy Diaz), who hopes the video he shoots will get him into film school; McCoy (Rob Devaney), the group's conscience; the overfed country boy Rush (Daniel Stewart Sherman); and the wild card, Flake (Patrick Carroll). Ty Jones plays their tough-talking sergeant.

There are some moments of genuine tension — a deadly IED attack, a scene in which a couple of Iraqis in a hurry fail to stop their car at the checkpoint with horrifying consequences. But a lot of "Redacted"

consists of teasing banter and waiting for the inevitable midnight raid of a family's home where a couple of suspected terrorists live.

In real life, a 14-year-old girl was raped and killed in March 2006 in Mahmudiya, 20 miles south of Baghdad; her parents and sister were also killed in the attack. Four U.S. soldiers already have been sentenced for the crime; a fifth has pleaded not guilty and is awaiting trial.

De Palma's clear passion for the subject, and for getting the truth out, makes you wish he'd attempted a real documentary instead.



CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

# A Wonder For Ages 2 to 4

## 'Mr. Magorium's squanders talent on simplistic thrills

**FILM** | You'd have to be a really little kid — we're talking young enough to be enthralled by colorful, shiny objects and oblivious to the necessity of character development — to fall for "Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium."



Zach Mills visits the Emporium daily because he has nothing better to do.

With wild hair and an annoying accent, Dustin Hoffman looks completely uncomfortable as the titular impresario, a childlike eccentric who doesn't just sell toys but whose store is a living being with feelings. Now, at age 243, he decides it's time to leave (read: die, inex-

plicably) and hand the keys over to store manager Molly Mahoney (Natalie Portman in full-on pixie mode), a former piano prodigy who's stuck creatively. (Ah, the irony — she works at a place that encourages creativity!)

The whole endeavor feels like the love child of Willy Wonka and Pee-wee Herman. It's totally one-note in its incessant whimsy, except for those few moments when it treads awkwardly toward the topic of death. The comic skills of Jason Bateman are wasted in the role of an uptight accountant who's come to assess the store's worth. Zach Mills shows some precocious likability as a 9-year-old with a hat fetish who visits the store daily because he has no friends.



CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

# Entertainment | Weekend

## Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

### FRIDAY

Stevie Wonder's "Songs in the Key of Life" album is not only his masterpiece; it describes the essence of his career, which is music inspired by and created for the joyful moments of life, from the mundane to the profound. In the hands of a DJ, Stevie's records turn into emotional lightning rods that can catalyze the feelings of everyone on the dance floor. There are few artists whose songs inspire full-throated sing-alongs at parties more than Stevie Wonder's. When New York DJ legends Spinna and Bobbito did their first all-Stevie Wonder dance party almost a decade ago, it was immediately clear that a phenomenon was born, and it's been repeated every year since. Wonder-full parties are now akin to fan conventions with a spiritual bent. They've spawned plenty of memorable moments: Once, Stevie himself called Spinna's cellphone during the party and the phone was placed next to the microphone so he could address his devotees. For the first time ever, this lovefest will take place in Washington with Spinna and Bobbito at **LIV** pulling out not only Steveland Morris's classics, but obscure covers and works of other artists on whose songs Stevie played, produced or collaborated.

Los Angeles-based duo the Bird and the Bee made its Washington debut earlier this year as the opening act for Lily Allen's sold-out 9:30 Club show, which was a shame for those who wanted to check out Inara George and Greg Kurstin's lush pop music but couldn't fight (or deal with) the Lily Allen Hype Machine. Songs on this year's self-titled debut on Blue Note and the new "Please Clap Your Hands" EP find the Bird and the Bee crafting ethereal songs from elements of jazz, dreamy electropop and '60s-style organs — think elements of Stereolab, Saint Etienne, Air and Everything but the Girl. Catch them Friday night at **THE ROCK AND ROLL HOTEL** with Charlie Wadhams.

Evil Disco, the city's coolest and craziest DJ night focused on heavy



GET IT GO-GOING: Sugar Bear, frontman of EU, performs at Constitution Hall.

metal and hard rock, has gotten a couple of mentions in this column over the last few years, whether for hosting Guitar Hero II tournaments at Wonderland or just being willing to crank up Danzig, Motley Crue, Iron Maiden and Iggy Pop on the Black Cat's backstage, throw open the doors and invite everyone to jump up and down for a few hours. Evil Disco turns two at **THE BLACK CAT** tonight.

### SATURDAY

A Different Kind of Ladies Night is known for putting on great happy hours and lounge nights for Washington's lesbian community, but it's branching out Saturday night with a benefit show at **PHASE ONE**. "A Different Kind of Concert! to Raise Awareness and Remember the Amazing Women Touched by Cancer!" features genre-shifting Phase regular Mara Levi, whose songs range from jazzy folk-pop to more electric tunes that recall



On Friday night, check out L.A.-based duo the Bird and the Bee on H Street.

Ani DiFranco. She's joined by two other singer-songwriters: Indianapolis-based Lindsay Bloom and local performer Sarah Bolen. The night's \$15 cover — which is earmarked for cancer research charities — includes free beer from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. and giveaways from Righteous Babe Records. Stick around afterward for a dance party with the Phase's house DJs.

### SUNDAY

As huge as go-go music is in D.C., it's never been able to establish a foothold outside of the Beltway. That changed for a brief period in 1988, when Experience Unlimited — EU to its fans — made an unforgettable appearance in Spike Lee's "School Daze," performing its infectious single "Da Butt." Though the novelty of the song wore off and the rest of the U.S. lost interest in D.C.'s home-grown funk, EU never stopped going hard. You can still catch the band gigging around town, as it has since the mid-'70s. EU frontman, bass player and party-starter-in-chief Sugar Bear is rightfully being honored as a Legend of Go-Go at tonight's WKYS Go-Go Awards, the annual ceremony that allows fans to vote in categories like Best Lead Talker, Best Go-Go Pocket and Go-Go Band of the Year. **CONSTITUTION HALL** won't know what hit it when go-go heroes past and present take the stage, including Godfather of Go-Go Chuck Brown, the Backyard Band, CCB (Critical Condition Band), the Lissen Band and the What Band. Tickets are \$40 from Ticketmaster.

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### AMERICAN GANGSTER (R, 151 minutes)

This movie stars Denzel Washington as Frank Lucas, a beneath-the-radar Harlem heroin impresario of the 1970s who put together an astonishing organization before anyone noticed, and Russell Crowe as Richie Roberts, the Jersey detective who took him down. Director Ridley Scott plays the stories of Lucas and Roberts off each other so adroitly that we don't notice that the two antagonists aren't even aware of each other until the movie's second half and never eyeball each other until the last 20 minutes. The movie has the aspirations of an epic of crime and punishment, a superb feel for time and milieu, and an almost subliminal feel for myth. (AH)

**BEE MOVIE** (PG, 91 minutes) It would be wrong to suggest that this movie, which features the voice of Jerry Seinfeld as a wisecracking insect, is unpleasant to sit through. But it would also be wrong to claim that it is abuzz with hilarity. The movie, which Seinfeld also co-produced and co-wrote, never takes off. How could



**HOUSEGUEST:** Fred Claus (Vince Vaughn), top bunk, crashes with his little bro, Santa (Paul Giamatti), in the North Pole.

it, with such a bee-labored premise: that Barry (Seinfeld) becomes so outraged about food companies profiting from honey, he takes humanity to court? And

the more the movie progresses, the more you realize how much Seinfeld's voice sounds like a droning bee — the kind you want to swat away. (SH)

**BEFORE THE DEVIL KNOWS YOU'RE DEAD** (R, 117 minutes) This is the story of two brothers, one strong, one weak, whose desperation and greed lead them down

an increasingly depraved path. Philip Seymour Hoffman plays Andy, the alpha bro'; Ethan Hawke is Hank, not nearly as successful. Both men have money issues, which is why Andy approaches Hank with a plan to get more. What makes the film so riveting is Hoffman, who delivers a tour de force performance. And director Sidney Lumet weaves in and out of the action, proving to be as adroit with new technology as he was with old-school celluloid. (DT)

**BELLA** (PG-13, 90 minutes) This predictable movie centers on Jose (Eduardo Verástegui), a promising soccer star whose career is permanently stalled when his car claims the life of a child who dashed into the road. Traumatized by this terrible event, Jose becomes the head chef at his brother Eduardo's Mexican restaurant in New York. But when Eduardo (Ramon Rodriguez) fires Nina (Tammy Blanchard), a pregnant employee, Jose impulsively walks out of the kitchen to console her. Anybody need any help with where this is going? As the film amiably observes the passage of time, we can only think about the clock. (DT)

**DAN IN REAL LIFE** (PG-13, 95 minutes) Steve Carell plays a newspaper advice columnist and single dad who falls in love with his brother's girlfriend during a weekend at the family beach house. Carell and

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Juliette Binoche, who plays his love interest, remain oddly passive figures within an emotional matrix that seemingly knows no boundaries: Filmgoers haven't seen a family this neurotically enmeshed since the last Diane Keaton movie. The movie ends happily, but only in the most notional sense; a truly satisfying conclusion would be for the title character to break free of his overbearing relatives and get his own life — real or otherwise. (AH)

**THE DARJEELING LIMITED** (R, 91 minutes) Writer-director Wes Anderson has carved out a niche as American cinema's most eccentric, lyrical poet of family dysfunction. He's at it again in this film about three brothers searching for spiritual meaning in India. Jason Schwartzman, Adrien Brody and Owen Wilson play Jack, Peter and Francis Whitman, respectively, who haven't seen one another since their father's funeral a year earlier. Francis has organized a train trip through India to re-bond. Against the



KING OF THE STREETS: Denzel Washington stars as Harlem mobster Frank Lucas in Ridley Scott's "American Gangster."

extravagant backdrop of India's deeply saturated palette and densely woven textures, the Whitmans try to find themselves—and one another—in a series of alternately wry and wrenching encounters. The movie isn't deep; its fey humor and obvious metaphors will surely provide ample fodder for Anderson's detractors. But it has its charms, chief of which is watching three terrific actors evince with unforced ease the rewards and resentments of brotherhood. (AH)

**FRED CLAUS** (PG, 120 minutes) Vince Vaughn plays Fred, the glum older brother of Santa (Paul Giamatti). Since Christmas is approaching, Fred is turning morose and acting out. The season recalls his unhappy childhood in which his younger brother was the apple of his parents' and later the world's eye. He loathes (but loves) his little brother, but when he gets in a scrape, he has no problem appealing to Santa for a quick job to raise some extra cash. Vaughn's con-man jive doesn't get much play in this one; he spends most of his time as a bitter creep, and the writing isn't sharp enough to make the hipster-at-the-North-Pole theme pay off in any meaningful way. (SH)

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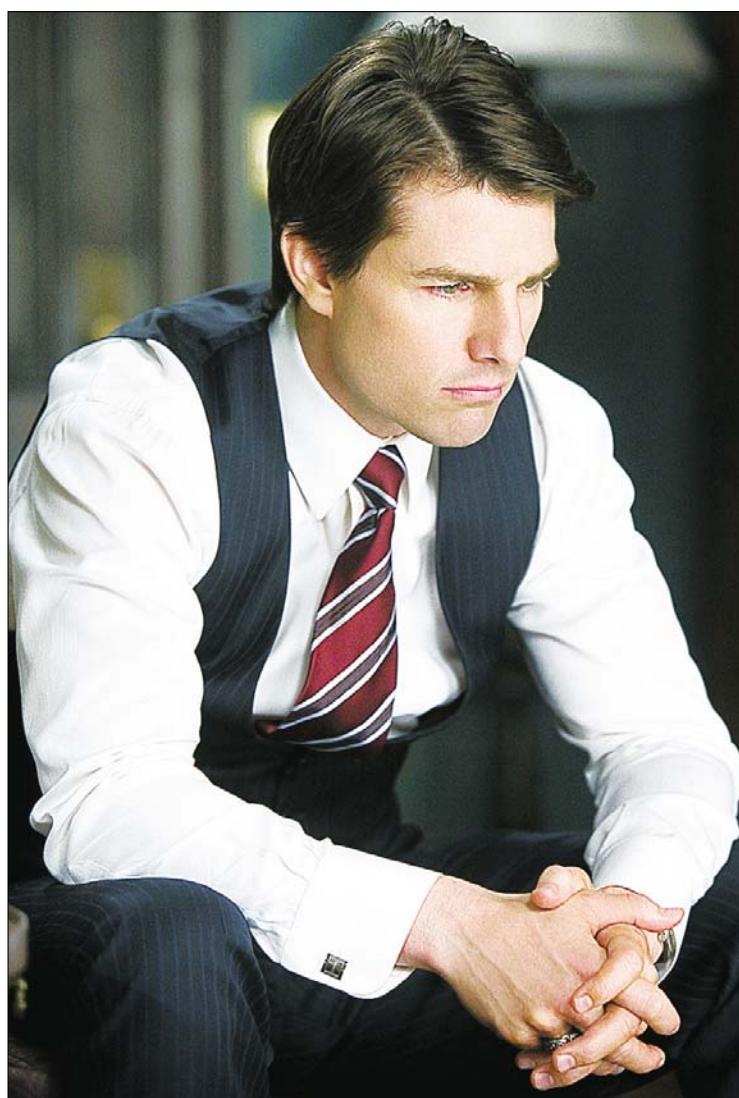
This movie, featuring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson as star quarterback Joe Kingman, follows familiar formulas and characters but is brightened by a bit of wit and good performances. Kingman has such a swollen ego that he tries to be a one-man team. He has turned his ultra-cool bachelor pad into a shrine to himself and the other King, Elvis. Then, just as his team is entering the playoffs, 8-year-old Peyton Kelly (Madison Pettis) arrives on his doorstep, claiming to be the daughter he never knew he had. Will Joe learn to be a team player and a good dad? Will his bulldog wind up in a pink tutu? The story includes one or two too many life lessons, but the Rock and Pettis work well together, and it turns out he can actually deliver a sweet version of "Are You Lonesome Tonight?" (MM)

### GONE BABY GONE (R, 120 minutes)

One of the great pleasures of mystery writer Dennis Lehane and of the movies derived from his books—"Mystic River" and now this film—is sense of place. The books are like a tour of back-alley, blue-collar Beantown; spend time with them in any form and you start swallowing your R's, then spitting them out as H's. That's what makes this movie, directed by Ben Affleck, such a pleasure. Two detectives, Patrick Kenzie (Ben Affleck's gifted younger brother, Casey) and Angie Gennaro (Michelle Monaghan), are brought in on a case that has the neighborhood and the cops tied up in knots. A beautiful child is missing, and immediately a generally unasked question arises: Do the social marginals deserve the same protection and service from the cops that more respectable, bourgeois citizens do? The movie is really Casey Affleck's, but the real star is Boston's seamier side, vividly evoked. (SH)

### INTO THE WILD (R, 140 minutes)

Sean Penn sings a powerful and poetic hymn to America with his sweeping, sensitive and deeply affecting adaptation of Jon Krakauer's best-selling book. Penn, who wrote and directed the screen version, has preserved the book's most iconic, even mystical, values while carefully whittling away Krakauer's multi-layered narrative to focus on its confounding protagonist: Chris McCandless, the 23-year-old who embarked on a 113-day sojourn in the Alaska backcountry that ended in his death. Emile Hirsch plays McCandless, putting himself through the kind of punishing physical challenges and transformations Robert De Niro has made famous. The film is far more than the story



**THOUGHTFUL GUY:** Tom Cruise ponders the world's atrocities in "Lions for Lambs."

of an idealistic, doomed young man and instead turns into a portrait of an alternative America, that scruffy, feisty frontier populated by outlaws and vagabonds and spiritual seekers. It's a big, beautiful picture, all the more so for inviting everyone, regardless of political position or philosophical bent, to see themselves. (AH)

**THE KINGDOM (R, 111 minutes)** One electrifying performance becomes the only saving grace of this goofy action movie that tries to marry the blitzkrieg entertainment of "Rambo" to the cultural consciousness of "Syriana." That acting turn comes from Middle Eastern actor Ashraf Barhom, who plays a sympathetic Saudi Arabian police officer caught between two incompatible cultures. When a terrorist bombing takes the lives of 200 American oil workers, their families and Saudi locals at an American compound in his country, he is forced to babysit four American FBI agents—played by Jamie Foxx, Jennifer Garner, Chris Cooper and Jason Bateman—who have come over to investigate. As Col. Faris Al Ghazi (Barhom) and the Americans chafe in their observational corners, they hit upon a plan to outwit

the royals and take charge of the case. Barhom, as Faris, is 100 percent seduction, but what reaches us most powerfully is his spiritual intensity, as he negotiates a politically impossible situation—and one nutty film. (DT)

**LARS AND THE REAL GIRL (PG-13, 106 minutes)** Ryan Gosling plays Lars, a misfit in his mid-20s who lives in the garage of his childhood home. Lars's brother Gus (Paul Schneider) and his wife live in the main house, and despite repeated invitations to join them for meals, Lars keeps obstinately to himself. He clearly has issues, which finally bubble to the surface when he orders a life-size sex toy over the Internet, names her Bianca and presents her to everyone as his new girlfriend. As Lars quietly comes to the psychic break—or breakthrough—that has been looming, his family, friends and neighbors seem to embody the notion of the compassionate response, going along with the narrative he's inventing as if in recognition that love means indulging one another's most necessary illusions. Of course the real key is Gosling. His performance is a small miracle, not

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only because he's so completely open as a man who's essentially shut off, but because he changes and grows so imperceptibly before our eyes. (AH)

**LIONS FOR LAMBS** (R, 88 minutes) In this impassioned but strangely inert current events drama directed by Robert Redford, Tom Cruise plays a fictional Republican U.S. senator named Jasper Irving. As the film opens, Jasper welcomes reporter Janine Roth (Meryl Streep) into his office for an interview. Irving's true agenda: to give her a scoop about a new military initiative in Afghanistan. While they talk, scenes unfold elsewhere at the same time: in Afghanistan and at a university in California. Intercutting among the three contemporaneous scenes, the film sets up an arresting conceit, wherein politics, theory and practice are played out at once. But for all its passion and topical currency, the movie plays too often like a college colloquium. (SH)

**LUST, CAUTION** (NC-17, 158 minutes) This film by director Ang Lee is set in Japanese-occupied Shanghai of the 1940s. Mr. Yee (Tony Leung) is the debonair but ruthless head of security for the collaborative Chinese government, and Wong Chia Chi (Tang Wei) is a revolutionary



**HELLO, BARRY:** "Bee Movie" stars Jerry Seinfeld as the voice of Barry B. Benson, left.

student who has drawn the short straw in her circle to seduce and lure him into a deadly trap. Their illicit romance becomes the central focus of this powerfully uncompromising film, which operates on the same principle that distinguishes all lasting romances. It isn't just the allure of love, or the celebrities in the cast or the physical attributes of the performers that ultimately compels

audiences. It's what they're up against as they pursue that love. In a world where survival overrides all other virtues, their perverse attraction becomes a sort of mutual moral compass — the ultimate union that any love is about. (DT)

**MARTIAN CHILD** (PG, 108 minutes) David Gordon (John Cusack), a successful science-fiction writer and recent widower, meets Dennis (Bobby Coleman),

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an orphan who believes he is an alien from Mars. As David takes the child into his home, we anticipate the arc that will take this movie to its obvious conclusion: The kid will remain steadfast in his belief till the very last. And the mourning David will have to get over himself before these two connect. Predictability aside, the movie could still be affecting if the characters discovered each other in unexpected ways. But the film feels artificially sweetened rather than genuinely moving. (DT)

**MICHAEL CLAYTON** (R, 119 minutes) From its hushed opening sequences in a Manhattan law office late at night to its sleek, pared-down narrative style, this uncommonly intelligent thriller evokes the great films of the 1970s that managed to elicit gritty urban realism while maintaining a suave sense of style and moral complexity. George Clooney plays the title character, a "fixer" at a white shoe law firm, who finds himself enmeshed in a web of corporate intrigue, personal financial straits, madness and murder. Clooney does his best to suppress his blinding wattage, the better for his superb supporting cast to shine: Tilda Swinton is mesmerizing as the personification of female ambition and ambivalence; Sydney Pollack utterly inhabits Clayton's ethically slippery boss; and Tom Wilkinson delivers note-perfect spoken arias of a manic-depressive who has gone off his meds. The movie marks a return to the screen of intelligence, taste and class. Hallelujah, and hire the babysitter: It's grown-up time again at the movies. (AH)

**NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN** (R, 120 minutes) Derived from the Cormac McCarthy novel of the same name, this high-end "literary" thriller traffics as much in ideas as in thrills, sometimes to its own detriment. It follows as a Vietnam vet (Josh Brolin) out antelope-hunting comes across a Texas drug deal gone bad. Bodies, guns, blood, flies and folly are everywhere on the arid plains. Each figure is given, a la standard thriller operating procedure, a single moral or psychological attribute and then acts in accordance to that principle and nothing else. It's meant to be "ironic," with that big capital I. Instead, it's unsatisfying, with a capital U. (SH)

**P2** (R, 98 minutes) The premise is simple. On Christmas Eve, Angela (Rachel Nichols) is staying late at her Park Avenue law firm. She is the last one out of the building, except for parking lot attendant Thomas (Wes Bentley), who's a bit too



**IN COLD BLOOD:** Javier Bardem shows no mercy in "No Country for Old Men."

friendly and just a little creepy. Her BMW is parked on Level P2. As the title suggests, the action never moves far from the building and the garage. That limited space works in the film's favor, and the suspense builds at a slow, steady pace. Cheerfully manipulative, this is the kind of movie that invites audiences to yell back at the screen and cheer. And audiences will. (MM)

**RENDITION** (R, 120 minutes) Billed as a ripped-from-the-headlines thriller, this film is actually another sluggish, by-the-numbers procedural, given a frisson or two by its debt to current events. As the film opens, a bomb goes off in a town square in an unidentified North African country; a U.S. CIA operative is killed, and his underling, an inexperienced analyst played by Jake Gyllenhaal, heads up the ensuing investigation. Meanwhile, Egyptian-born Anwar el-Ibrahimi (Omar Metwally), on his way back home to Chicago from South Africa, is detained at Dulles International Airport, then put

on a plane to the aforementioned North African country for some gloves-off interrogation about his possible role in the bombing. It would have been interesting had the film engaged its nominal issues with real sophistication and urgency; instead, it is content to use them as a backdrop for a flabby story of too many subplots and too few subtleties. (AH)

**SAW IV** (R, 108 minutes) The producers of the popular franchise have refined their formula in this sequel: Beginning with an extended autopsy scene, it is 86 minutes of bloody torture. Fans will remember that the central character, Jigsaw (Tobin Bell), was killed at the end of "III." They also know that death is no impediment in a profitable horror franchise. The byzantine plot of "IV" claims to go back to the beginning and explain why Jigsaw, a.k.a. John, was moved to commit these atrocities. In the end, though, the plot is incomprehensible, existing only as a framework for the torture scenes. (MM)

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**THINGS WE LOST IN THE FIRE** (R, 120 minutes) Audrey Burke (played brilliantly by Halle Berry) seems to have it all: Her husband, Brian (David Duchovny), is a successful Seattle developer, and they live in a big house with two beautiful kids. It all ends when the police arrive with the news that Brian has been murdered. As preparations for a funeral ensue, Audrey discovers that Brian had a secret "best friend," a down-and-out lawyer now living on skid row. She sends her brother to pick

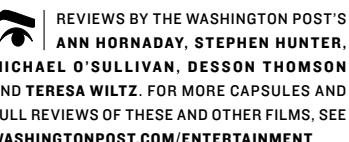
up Jerry Sunborne (Benicio Del Toro), a twitchy, tormented user. The movie chronicles how all the traumatized survivors of Brian's death cope by inserting Jerry in Brian's place. In fact, the movie could be called "Let's All Help Jerry." Am I the only one who thinks, "You know, I don't really give a damn about Jerry"? Del Toro will probably get an Oscar nod for his Jerry, but I never believed a second of it. (sh)

**30 DAYS OF NIGHT** (R, 108 minutes) This is the kind of gruesome but entertaining survival guide you pray you never have to follow: how to stop vampires killing you during the darkest days of Alaskan winter. Hey, it could happen. It certainly does in Barrow, Alaska, where vampires come

to terrorize the isolated town, as seasonal darkness descends for a loooong month. From a safe distance—in our own pocket of darkness, as it were—it's a visceral kick to watch as a group of ever-dwindling survivors, led by young, resolute Sheriff Eben (Josh Hartnett), figures out how to outlast these powerful predators. And Danny Huston, as the animalistic leader of the pack, is as disturbing as he is compelling, a feral creature with all senses at full capacity. If there's an action figure, I'm ordering one. (dt)

**TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED** (PG-13, 113 minutes) Five 30-something African American couples deal with a host of domestic problems in writer-

director-producer-star Tyler Perry's adaptation of his play. Too much work, too little work, children, the lack of children, sexually transmitted diseases, the lack of sex, alcohol and infidelity are the main issues. Talk is plentiful; action is not. An attractive ensemble brings conviction to the sometimes-weepy proceedings. As usual, Perry comes down solidly on the side of conventional morality and stable monogamous relationships. (MM)





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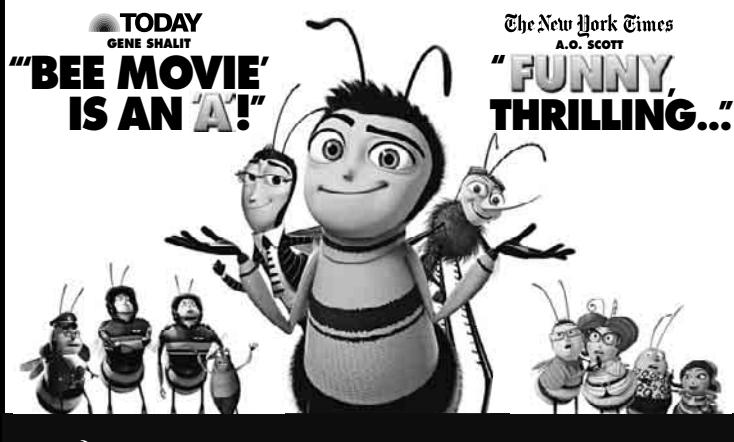
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BEE MOVIE (PG) 12:45, 1:45, 3:15, 4:15, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15  
SAW IV (R) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40  
30 DAYS OF NIGHT (R) 12:55, 3:55, 6:55, 9:55

TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG13) 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:25  
THE GAME PLAN (PG) 1:00, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10

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**AMC SELECT**  
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) 1:40, 2:20, 4:10, 5:10, 7:00, 7:40, 9:30, 10:00

SOUTHLAND TALES (R) 2:00, 4:40, 7:50  
DARFUR NOW (PG) 2:10, 4:20, 7:10, 9:20  
BEFORE THE DEVIL KNOWS YOU'RE DEAD (R) 1:40, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40

THE DARJEELING LIMITED (R) 4:50  
LARS AND THE REAL GIRL (PG13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50  
INTO THE WILD (R) 1:50, 7:30

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FRED CLAUS (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45  
LIONS FOR LAMBS (R) 1:50, 4:25, 7:30, 10:00  
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 2:30, 6:30, 9:50  
BEE MOVIE (PG) 1:55, 4:05, 7:05, 9:15  
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7:45, 9:35, 10:30

**\*MR. MAGORIUM'S**

**WONDER EMPORIUM (G)**

11:20, 12:20, 1:45, 2:45, 4:15, 5:10,

6:35, 7:35, 8:55, 10:00

**\*LOVE IN THE TIME OF**

**CHOLERA (R)**

12:25, 3:45, 7:00, 10:05

**AMERICAN GANGSTER (R)**

11:45, 12:30, 1:15, 3:15, 4:00, 5:30,

6:45, 7:35, 8:50, 10:00

**\*LIONS FOR LAMBS (R)**

12:10, 2:40, 5:05, 7:20, 9:50

**\*FRED CLAUS (PG)**

11:05, 12:55, 2:00, 3:50, 4:45,

6:40, 7:35, 9:25, 10:15

**DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG-13)**

11:55, 2:20, 4:50, 7:40, 10:20

**GONE BABY GONE (R)**

1:10, 1:50, 4:35, 7:40, 10:20

Tyler Perry's WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG-13)

10:40 @ \$6, 1:35, 4:25, 7:15, 10:10

**THE GAME PLAN (PG)**

11:05 @ \$6, 1:55, 4:50, 7:25, 10:15

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**MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G)** / 4:30, 7:10, 9:30

**FRED CLAUS (PG)** / 4:35, 7:15, 9:55

**P2 (R)** / 10:30 @ \$6

**AMERICAN GANGSTER (R)** / 12:00, 12:45, 3:20, 4:00, 6:45, 7:40, 10:00

**BEE MOVIE (PG)** / 10:30, 12:00, 1:20, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00, 6:20, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00, 11:15

**DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG13)** / 11:30 @ \$6, 2:05, 4:30, 7:00, 9:35

**SAW IV (R)** / 2:00, 5:00, 7:20, 9:20, 10:25

**TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG13)** / 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

**THE GAME PLAN (PG)** / 1:50, 4:35, 7:15, 10:15

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**MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G)** / 4:30, 7:10, 9:30

**FRED CLAUS (PG)** / 4:35, 7:15, 9:55

**P2 (R)** / 10:30 @ \$6

**AMERICAN GANGSTER (R)** / 12:00, 12:45, 3:20, 4:00, 6:45, 7:40, 10:00

**BEE MOVIE (PG)** / 10:30, 12:00, 1:20, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00, 6:20, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00, 11:15

**DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG13)** / 12:40, 3:20, 5:25, 7:50, 10:20

**LUST, CAUTION (NC-17)** / 12:15, 3:30, 6:45, 10:00

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**FRED CLAUS (PG)** / 2:15, 5:15, 8:15, 10:45

**P2 (R)** / 2:20, 5:30, 8:30, 10:30

**AMERICAN GANGSTER (R)** / 2:20, 5:20, 8:20, 10:20

**BEE MOVIE (PG)** / 2:20, 5:20, 8:20, 10:20

**DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG13)** / 2:20, 5:20, 8:20, 10:20

**MICHAEL CLAYTON (R)** / 2:20, 5:20, 8:20, 10:20

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**FRED CLAUS (PG)** / 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10

**LIONS FOR LAMBS (R)** / 2:20, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

**AMERICAN GANGSTER (R)** / 3:45, 7:00, 10:15

**BEE MOVIE (PG)** / 2:20, 5:00, 7:20, 9:50

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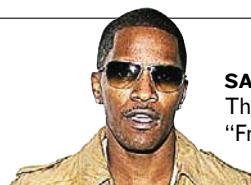
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**SALAD FORK:** Jamie Foxx is getting into the reality-TV business with MTV and VH1. The Oscar-winning actor is developing a project with the sibling cable channels: "From Gs to Gents," an MTV series in which guys compete to become gentlemen.

# Television

## ON TV THIS WEEKEND

**SPOILER: JOHNNY CARSON WINS**  
It's one thing to list **THE 50 GREATEST TV ICONS** (8 p.m., TV Land, Fri.); it's quite another to rank them.

**EROTIC DRAWINGS**  
Wanna feel old? It's been a whole 10 years since **TITANIC** (8 p.m., TNT, Fri.) debuted (on Dec. 19, 1997) and smashed box office records.

**BEWARE: CRANKY WHEN WET**  
The rainy season causes problems on **ORANGUTAN ISLAND** (8:30 p.m., Animal Planet, Fri.).

**HE GOT GAME**  
Smash faces the college recruiters on **FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS** (9 p.m., NBC, Fri.).

**HUMP SANDWICH**  
Bear makes a meal of a camel on **MAN VS. WILD** (9 p.m., Discovery, Fri.). And we're

not talking cigarettes.

### GOOD CHOICE

A tycoon's daughter is a taken hostage on **NUMB3RS** (10 p.m., CBS, Fri.).

### X-TREME DRAMA!

MTV is hoping that **THE KENTUCKY KID** (10 p.m., Fri.) becomes a household name. The "Kid" is professional motorcycle racer Nicky Hayden. The two-hour



'JACK, I'M FLYING!' Take yourself back 10 years (yup, 10) tonight on TNT.

special follows Hayden during the 2006 racing season.

### FROM BAD TO CRAPPY

Produced by Steven Soderbergh, George Clooney and Peter Berg, **PU-239** (8 p.m., HBO, Sat.) takes place in Russia in the late 1990s, when the country seemed to be making a transition to a gangster-style capitalism that threatened to be as horrible as Soviet communism — and much less predictable.

### MARY KATHERINE GALLAGHER

"Saturday Night Live" comedian Molly Shannon stars in the 2007 cable comedy **MORE OF ME** (9 p.m., Lifetime, Sat.) as a harried mother, wife and career woman who turns to her inner voices and gets a little more than she bargained for.

### WORKING TO SURVIVE

An Iraqi cab driver and a network-news cameraman describe life in wartime in

the documentary **BAGHDAD DIARY** (10 p.m., History, Sat.), narrated by ABC correspondent Bob Woodruff.

### SURPRISE, SURPRISE

A suspected kidnapper proves hard to control on **LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT** (10 p.m., NBC, Sat.).

### RERUN

Brian Williams hosts **SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE** (11:30 p.m., NBC, Sat.), featuring musical guest Feist.

### WALKING FOR JOE

Contestants walk a mile for their camels on **AMAZING RACE** (8 p.m., CBS, Sun.).

### CRACKIN' JOKES

Jimmy Kimmel hosts the **AMERICAN MUSIC AWARDS** (8 p.m., ABC, Sun.).

### PREZ NO. 7

Viewers who enjoy history as character study should not miss **ANDREW JACKSON** (8 p.m., History, Sun.), a two-hour profile of one of our most influential and reviled



**MR. SILVERMAN:** Jimmy Kimmel hosts the American Music Awards on Sunday.

presidents.

### HOW ABSTRUDE!

**ART IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY** (10 p.m., PBS, Sun.) looks at five artists who work in contradictions, ambiguity and paradoxes. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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<b>LOCAL CHANNELS</b>													
WRC (4)	News (N) CC	NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Deal or No Deal (iTV) (N) O CC	The Next Great American Band (N)	Don't Forget the Lyrics! (N) O CC	Friday Night Lights "Pantherama!" (N)	Las Vegas "My Uncle's a Gas" (N) O	News (N) CC	News (N) CC	News (N) CC	News (N) CC	Tonight Show
WTTG (5)	News (N)	TMZ (N) O CC	The Simpsons O	Seinfeld O CC	Men in Trees (N) CC	Women's Murder Club (N) O CC	(:02) 20/20 (N) CC	NUMB3RS "Tabu" (N) O CC	News (N)	News (N)	News (N) CC	News (N) CC	TMZ O CC
WJLA (7)	News (N) CC	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Ghost Whisperer "Bad Blood" (N) O	Moonlight "12:04 AM" (N) O CC	NUMB3RS "Tabu" (N) O CC	News (N) CC	News (N) CC	News (N) CC	News (N) CC	News (N) CC	(:35) Nightline (N)
WUSA (9)	News (N) CC	Evening News	News	Entertainment	Entertainment								
WDCA (20)	Judge Judy (N) O	Judge Joe Brown	King of Queens	King of Queens	★★★ "Rocky III" (1982, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Mr. T, O CC	Every-Raymond	King of the Hill O	King of the Hill O					
WMPT (22)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	State Circle	Washington Week	NOW (N) CC	Bill Moyers Journal (N) O CC	Bill Moyers Journal (N) O CC	Bill Moyers Journal (N) O CC	Bill Moyers Journal (N) O CC	Bill Moyers Journal (N) O CC	Bill Moyers Journal (N) O CC	Bill Moyers Journal (N) O CC	Smart Travels
WETA (26)	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Washington Week	Inside Wash.	Bill Moyers Journal (N) O CC	Billy Crystal: The Mark Twain Prize (N) O CC						
WHUT (32)	White House	Tavis Smiley O	BBC World News	Moneywise	Eve. Exchange	To the Contrary	History Detectives O CC	Charlie Rose (N) O CC					
WDCW (50)	My Wife and Kids	Family Guy CC	Two/Half Men	Friends O CC	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) O CC	Family Guy CC	Friends O CC	Friends O CC	Friends O CC	Friends O CC	Friends O CC	Friends O CC	Two/Half Men
<b>BASIC CABLE</b>													
A&E	Cold Case Files CC	CSI: Miami "Dead Zone" O CC	CSI: Miami "Silencer" O CC	CSI: Miami "Erin Brockovich" (2000) Julia Roberts. A woman probes a power company cover-up over poisoned water.									
Animal	The Crocodile Hunter CC	Jessica the Hippo CC	Orangutan Island	Orangutan Island	The Heart of a Lioness CC	Animal Cops Houston CC	Animal Cops Houston CC	Animal Cops Houston CC	Animal Cops Houston CC	Animal Cops Houston CC	Animal Cops Houston CC	Animal Cops Houston CC	Orangutan Island
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Venus Williams. (N) CC	This Christmas	"American Dream" (2007, Biography) Mike Jones. Premiere. CC			Keyshia Cole	College-Interns	College-Interns	College-Interns	College-Interns	College-Interns	College-Interns	Hell Date CC
Bravo	The Singing Bee	The Singing Bee	Project Runway CC	Project Runway CC	★★★ "The Best Man" (1999) Taye Diggs. A writer meets an old flame at his friend's wedding.	★★ "Eddie Murphy Raw" (1987) Eddie Murphy. CC							
Comedy	(5:00) ★★ "Big Trouble" (2002) CC	Scrubs O CC	Scrubs O CC	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Gabriel Iglesias: Hot and Fluffy CC	Ralphie May: Prime Cut CC	Ralphie May: Prime Cut CC	Ralphie May: Prime Cut CC	Ralphie May: Prime Cut CC	Ralphie May: Prime Cut CC	Ralphie May: Prime Cut CC	Com.-Presents
Court	World's Wildest Police Videos CC	Cops O CC	Cops O CC	Most Shocking	Forensic Files	Gary Gulman							
Discovery	How It's Made	How It's Made	Dirty Jobs "Exotic Animal Keeper"	Planet Earth Jungle animals. CC	Man vs. Wild "Desert Survivor" (N)	Man vs. Wild Kenya. CC	Everest: Beyond the Limit						
DISCH	Code Blue "Long Hours, Late Nights"	Trauma: Life in the ER CC	Dr. G: Medical Examiner CC	Dr. G: Medical Examiner CC	Dr. G: Medical Examiner CC	Dr. G: Medical Examiner CC	Dr. G: Medical Examiner CC	Dr. G: Medical Examiner CC	Dr. G: Medical Examiner CC	Dr. G: Medical Examiner CC	Dr. G: Medical Examiner CC	Dr. G: Medical Examiner CC	Dr. G: Medical Examiner CC
Disney	The Suite Life	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana Wizards-Place	★★ "Ice Princess" (2005, Comedy-Drama) Joan Cusack, Kim Cattrall.	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana					
E!	Holiday 16	Chelsea Lately	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	The Girls Next Door Highlights.	Kardashians	Kimora: Fab	The Soup (N)	Over the Top	E! News	E! News	E! News	Chelsea Lately
FX	★★ "Like Mike" (2002, Comedy) Lil' Bow Wow, Morris Chestnut.	★★ "Because of Winn-Dixie" (2005, Drama) Anasophia Robb, Jeff Daniels. Premiere.	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Nip/Tuck "Everett Poe"
HGTV	Extreme Homes	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Save My Bath (N)	Decorating Cents	Fun Shui (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	Get It Sold
Family	8 Simple Rules O	8 Simple Rules O	Grounded for Life	Grounded for Life	★★ "Down Periscope" (1996, Comedy) Kelsey Grammer, Lauren Holly. CC	America's Funniest Home Videos O	The 700 Club CC						
History	Mail Call CC	Our Generation	Modern Marvels: Future Tech CC	Modern Marvels: Environmental Tech	History of Sex CC	Human Weapon (N) CC	Human Weapon (N) CC	Human Weapon (N) CC	Human Weapon (N) CC	Human Weapon (N) CC	Human Weapon (N) CC	Human Weapon (N) CC	Lost Worlds "Braveheart's Scotland"
Lifetime	Reba O CC	Reba O CC	Still Standing O	Still Standing O	Reba O CC	Reba O CC	Lisa Williams: Life Among the Dead	Blood Ties "Drawn & Quartered" (N)					
MTV	America's Next Top Model O CC	America's Next Top Model O CC	America's Next Top Model O CC	America's Next Top Model O CC	A Shot at Love With Tila Tequila O	A Shot at Love With Tila Tequila O	A Shot at Love With Tila Tequila O	A Shot at Love With Tila Tequila O	A Shot at Love With Tila Tequila O	A Shot at Love With Tila Tequila O	A Shot at Love With Tila Tequila O	A Shot at Love With Tila Tequila O	The Kentucky Kid Special (N) O
NICK	Drake & Josh O	Drake & Josh O	Zoey 101 CC	Ned's School	Back, Barnyard	Avatar-Last Air	Tigre: Rivera	George Lopez O					
SCIIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Lost City" CC	The Dresden Files "Hair of the Dog"	The Dresden Files "Hair of the Dog"	Flash Gordon "Stand and Deliver" (N)	Flash Gordon "Stand and Deliver" (N)	Stargate Atlantis "Missing" O CC	Stargate Atlantis "The Seer" (N) O	Flash Gordon "Stand and Deliver" O					
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TNT	Law & Order "Ramparts" O	Law & Order "Publish and Perish" O	Law & Order "Publish and Perish" O	★★★★ "Titanic" (1997, Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet, Billy Zane. A woman falls for an artist aboard the ill-fated ship. CC	★★★★ "Titanic" (1997, Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet, Billy Zane. A woman falls for an artist aboard the ill-fated ship. CC	★★★★ "Titanic" (1997, Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet, Billy Zane. A woman falls for an artist aboard the ill-fated ship. CC	★★★★ "Titanic" (1997, Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet, Billy Zane. A woman falls for an artist aboard the ill-fated ship. CC	★★★★ "Titanic" (1997, Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet, Billy Zane. A woman falls for an artist aboard the ill-fated ship. CC	★★★★ "Titanic" (1997, Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet, Billy Zane. A woman falls for an artist aboard the ill-fated ship. CC	★★★★ "Titanic" (1997, Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet, Billy Zane. A woman falls for an artist aboard the ill-fated ship. CC	★★★★ "Titanic" (1997, Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet, Billy Zane. A woman falls for an artist aboard the ill-fated ship. CC	★★★★ "Titanic" (1997, Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet, Billy Zane. A woman falls for an artist aboard the ill-fated ship. CC	(:35) ★★ Cellular
USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit O	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit O	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit O	★★ "National Treasure" (2004) Nicolas Cage, Hunter Gomez. A man tries to steal the Declaration of Independence.	★★ "National Treasure" (2004) Nicolas Cage, Hunter Gomez. A man tries to steal the Declaration of Independence.	★★ "National Treasure" (2004) Nicolas Cage, Hunter Gomez. A man tries to steal the Declaration of Independence.	★★ "National Treasure" (2004) Nicolas Cage, Hunter Gomez. A man tries to steal the Declaration of Independence.	★★ "National Treasure" (2004) Nicolas Cage, Hunter Gomez. A man tries to steal the Declaration of Independence.	★★ "National Treasure" (2004) Nicolas Cage, Hunter Gomez. A man tries to steal the Declaration of Independence.	★★ "National Treasure" (2004) Nicolas Cage, Hunter Gomez. A man tries to steal the Declaration of Independence.	★★ "National Treasure" (2004) Nicolas Cage, Hunter Gomez. A man tries to steal the Declaration of Independence.	★★ "National Treasure" (2004) Nicolas Cage, Hunter Gomez. A man tries to steal the Declaration of Independence.	House "Whatever It Takes" O CC
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## Money

### The dollar's declining value is showing up in popular culture

When people start talking about rappers and supermodels shunning the dollar, you know there's a problem.

As the greenback recently hit historic lows against other major currencies, rap mogul Jay-Z released a video in which he flashes euros, not dollars. It was also widely reported last week that one of the world's richest supermodels, Gisele Bundchen, opted to be paid in euros because of the dollar's weak outlook. Her spokeswoman has denied that the model was spurning the dollar, saying Bundchen is paid in the currency of a job's location.

Nevertheless, the euro bought an all-time record \$1.4752 last Friday, and the British pound has also been trading at its highest levels against the dollar since the early 1980s. The Canadian dollar, often called the "Loonie," reached parity with the dollar in September for the first time since 1976 and has climbed steadily since.

While investors, multinational businesses and travelers have been witnessing the dollar's slide for years, pop culture is new territory.

Jay-Z's "Blue Magic" video seems to have been an attempt to acknowledge the dollar's decline in an ironic way and to paint the artist as an international superstar who is smarter than those accepting greenbacks.

"It is probably a particularly good strategy as the 'image of the dollar' loses its 'currency' as an emblem of extravagance and success," Steven Tepper, associate director of Vanderbilt University's Curb Center for Art, Enterprise and Public Policy, said in an e-mail. "So, you have the combination of a weaken-



EURO FANS: Brazilian supermodel Gisele Bundchen, left, has reportedly asked to be paid in euros, and Jay-Z can be seen flashing a handful of euros in his latest video.

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Euros are traded for U.S. dollars in an exchange kiosk in downtown Milan, Italy.

funds to countries where they can earn higher returns.

Although pop culture preferences are not the most important factors in the equation, some say they can have enough of an impact to support the dollar's decline.

"Obviously, a supermodel changing preferences is not going to rock the markets overnight," said Axel Merk, manager of the Merk Hard Currency Fund. "This is just a symptom. But, sure, yes, it does have an impact, and that's going to happen more and more."

Recent hype about Jay-Z and Bundchen, U.S. travelers' tighter budgets and hordes of foreigners flocking to the U.S. for holiday shopping may have pushed Americans to the "point of recognition," at which they realize the dollar has lost its dominance. If so, the most significant effect will be felt by those who weren't aware of its rapid decline, said Kathleen Vohs, an assistant

professor at the University of Minnesota who has researched the psychology of money.

"A strong national currency is in some ways signaling the strength of the nation," she said. "You can see that when the home currency is weak, people just have this sense of inferiority in the world."

For now, online chatter indicates that some fans and commentators are treating the incidents with a humorous bent, sensing that it was only a matter of time before the dollar's decline hit BET and the fashion runways.

One observer speculated that the rapper 50 Cent might soon change his handle to 34 Pence.

But in a melancholy turn, another noted altering the hook to a famous Wu-Tang Clan tune — to say "Euro, Euro bill, y'all" instead of "Dolla, dolla bill, y'all" — just wouldn't have the same ring to it. LAUREN TARA LACAPRA (AP)

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The dollar's decline represents

expectations the U.S. economy will slow relative to other economies. Recent cuts to the Federal Reserve's key interest rate have also weakened the dollar, as investors transferred

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#### Aiming for Success

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#### 'Runway' Makes It Work

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**COMMENTER MULRAJ DHOKAI,** "HIS HONESTY AND INTEGRITY ARE FAR, FAR ABOVE THESE PETTY THIEVES."



**In the real world** of employment, he would've been fired as soon as the theft was discovered. It was under his watch and he obviously failed to institute a system of checks and balances.

**COMMENTER JL,** RESPONDING TO THURSDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "SHOULD CFO NATWAR GANDHI STEP DOWN IN LIGHT OF D.C.'S TAX SCANDAL?"

## pollcenter

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS (AS OF 5 P.M.)

SHOULD CFO NATWAR GANDHI STEP DOWN IN LIGHT OF D.C.'S TAX SCANDAL?

NO 60%

YES 40%

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"Is this a huge injustice to Mac users, or should the Mac users just man up and pay or take the exams on paper?"

LEGAL BLOG [ABOVETHELAW.COM](http://ABOVETHELAW.COM) QUESTIONS THE EXTRA COSTS LAW STUDENTS AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY MUST PAY TO TAKE PC-COMPATIBLE EXAMS ON THEIR MACS.



**I'VE HEARD A NUMBER** of folks remark that people want to see O.J. Simpson go to prison because [they think] he walked away from two murders. I'm sure that's a correct assessment of how many people feel."

**CRAZYDAZE.BLOGSPOT.COM** REACTS TO A NEVADA JUDGE'S RULING THAT SIMPSON WILL HAVE TO STAND TRIAL ON KIDNAPPING AND ROBBERY CHARGES.

**I CANCELED** my cable earlier this year. I was watching too much junk, Comcast made me want to jab a fork into my eye, and, most importantly, I realized that there were really only four shows I really liked ... and I could get them all online ... legally ... [and] free."

**AMERICABLOG.COM** HAS PRETTY MUCH TURNED OFF AND TUNED OUT TELEVISION.

**A WEEK OF SEVERAL** car bombings per day would have been seen as a huge setback following several weeks of great decline in violence. ... Whatever their plan was, it's vapor now."

**IRAQTHEMODEL.BLOGSPOT.COM** ON THE FOILING OF A BAGHDAD CAR BOMBING PLAN.

## Discussions

### Personal Tech

The Washington Post's **ROB PEGORARO** was online Thursday to answer personal tech questions about Firefox, Outlook Express, recording HD and other tech issues.

**Firefox is not as functional as it used to be (due partly, I think, to add-ons and extensions), and I want to replace it and start from scratch. However, when I uninstall and reinstall, I get the same settings and toolbars as I had before. How can I clean all traces off my computer?**

Try uninstalling the add-ons without reinstalling Firefox. Go to the "Tools" menu, select "Add-ons," and click the "Uninstall" button next to whatever you don't like.

**Recording HD over the air — do these DVD recorders actually record in HD quality or the lower DVD quality?**

Just DVD quality. The only way to record HD in HD is with a digital video recorder like a TiVo; although high-def video discs exist, neither of the two incompatible formats (Blu-Ray and HD DVD) offers a recording option for use with a TV.

**I use Outlook Express for e-mail. I can read an e-mail without actu-**

**ally opening it by using the Properties (right click) and Detail (left click) selections. If the e-mail contained a virus or other problem, will this approach (instead of "opening" it) protect me, or am I deluding myself?**

I would say you're deluding yourself. If a virus has been written to exploit a vulnerability in Outlook Express, you can get nailed even if you never interact with it. But if it's just an attachment that you have to choose to run, it doesn't matter how you view it.

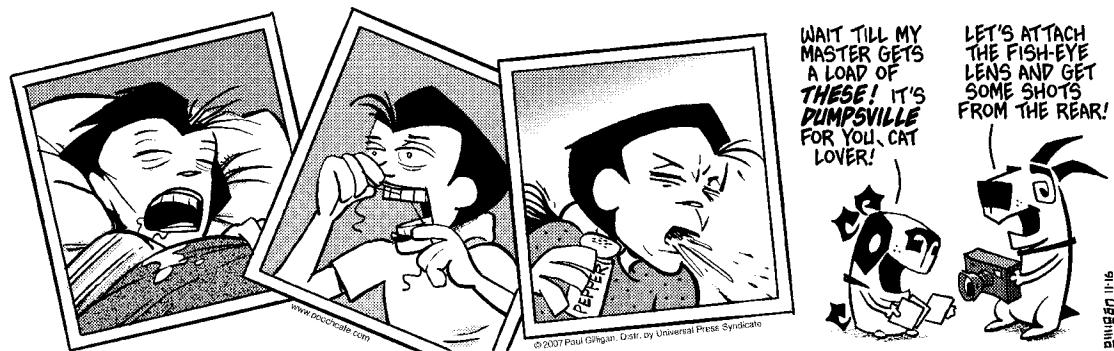
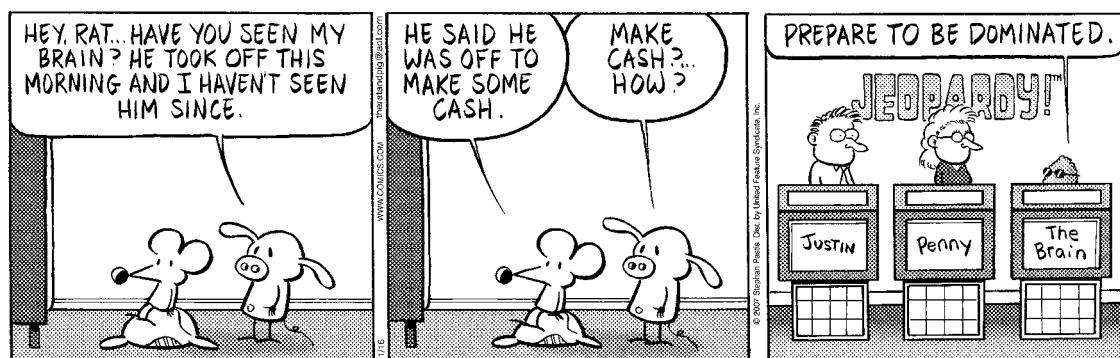
**TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS:** Washington Post movie critic Stephen Hunter discusses the best (and worst) in film at 12:30 p.m. | [washingtonpost.com/discussions](http://washingtonpost.com/discussions).

DO

**PLANT TREES, D.C. RESIDENTS.** The D.C. Department of Environment and the nonprofit tree restoration group Casey Trees are offering rebates of up to \$50 per household to D.C. residents who plant shade trees such as oaks and elms outside their homes. The rebates are available at [CaseyTrees.org](http://CaseyTrees.org).

**Bizarro** | Dan Piraro**Cornered** | Mike Baldwin

"With a good education you can grow up to be anything I want you to be."

**Pooch Cafe** | Paul Gilligan**Pearls Before Swine** | Stephan Pastis**The Duplex** | Glenn McCoy

## Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** You may be lacking in patience, even while you deal with youngsters who have a lot to learn yet. You must try to maintain an even keel.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** You may feel as though the pressure is on the rise. Take the time to assess any danger and to plan for one or two options down the road.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You may have trouble controlling a relative who has the bit between his or her teeth. Negotiate a peace between warring parties.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** You may want to lie low while a cloud of negativity passes you by. Steer clear of anything that seems in any way unfair or illegal.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** Your energy is on the rise, and your level of involvement at this time may surprise even those who know you best. Keep up the good work.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You'll be glad

to get something behind you—despite the fact that you've been looking forward to it for so long. Give it your best.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You can't afford to go about your business in a sloppy or haphazard fashion. Too much is riding on your ability to do things right.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You won't be feeling confined, but you may have one particular obstacle to overcome before you feel as though you are truly free.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You'll be playing your hand correctly if you let someone else feel as though he or she is the controlling influence. Only you know the truth.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Your own mischievous streak must be contained if you wish to avoid a crisis that has the potential to ruin things for everyone.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Interruptions abound, but you should be able to get your own work done ahead of schedule if you start early and stay focused.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** There's no point in trying to be perfect, but you can surely do a great deal to hide your negative traits—and any errors—from view.



"The Sound of Music" opened on Broadway in 1959 and later became a movie, above.

## Today in History

**1907** Oklahoma becomes the 46th state of the union.

**1933** The United States and the Soviet Union establish diplomatic relations.

**1959** The Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music" opens on Broadway.

**1966** Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard is acquitted in his second

trial of charges he'd murdered his pregnant wife, Marilyn, in 1954.

**2006** Democrats embrace Nancy Pelosi as the first woman House speaker in history but then select Steny Hoyer as majority leader against her wishes.

### Correction:

In Wednesday's Getting Ahead, an article stated that DC Web Women charges \$50 a year in dues and that it offers teleclasses. It does not charge dues of any kind or offer teleclasses.

# Look out People



STEPHEN CHERNIN/AP

And yet, she looks so ... not-sane.

#### PROCESSES

#### First We Laughed. Then, We Thought. And, It's True!

What makes **RENEE ZELLWEGER** most proud is that she's sane. "It's weird to have fame precede you in any situation ... and I'm very proud of myself that I've not been to Betty Ford [Center] yet," she tells Harper's Bazaar. "Never say never!" (AP)

#### REHAB

#### Osmond Teen Cannot Make Same Claim as Zellweger



**MARIE OSMOND** said her 16-year-old son has entered a rehabilitation facility, but she didn't disclose

the nature of his problem. "My son, Michael, is an amazing young man, shown through his courage in facing his issues," she said in a statement on Wednesday. (AP)



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#### TROUBLE

## 'Crime Is Fun!'

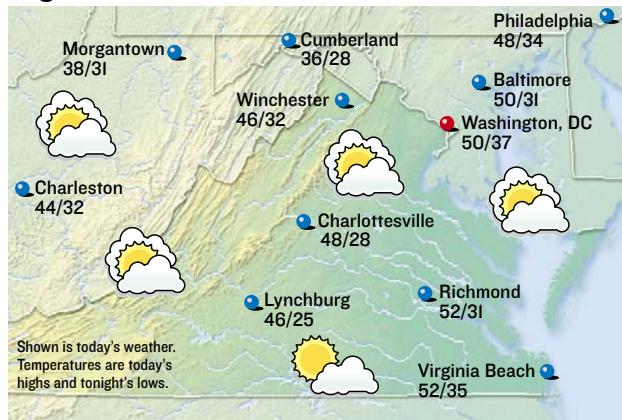
**HAYDEN PANETTIERE** has discovered there's a warrant for her arrest in Japan, E! reported. The 18-year-old was part of an aquatic mission last month to save a group of dolphins from being killed by fishermen. She's just happy she drew attention to the dolphins' plight. "In this town, you tend to get publicity [only] when you're not wearing underwear," she told E!. (EXPRESS)

#### 5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly sunny, breezy, cooler 50°	Partly cloudy 37°	Variably cloudy 53° / 38°	Partly sunny, breezy, chilly 50° / 35°	Partly sunny 50° / 35°	Partly sunny, milder 58° / 45°

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#### Regional Weather



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#### Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

##### Temperature

High .....	65°
Low .....	45°
Normal high .....	58°
Normal low .....	40°
Average humidity .....	74%

##### Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. ....	0.80"
Month to date .....	1.35"
Normal month to date .....	1.52"
Year to date .....	29.54"
Last year to date .....	44.32"
Normal year to date .....	34.79"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: [washingtonpost.com/weather](http://washingtonpost.com/weather)

#### Regional Forecast

**D.C. Metro:** Today, partly sunny, breezy, cooler. High 50. Wind west-northwest I2-25 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 37. Wind southwest 8-16 mph.

#### Sun and Moon

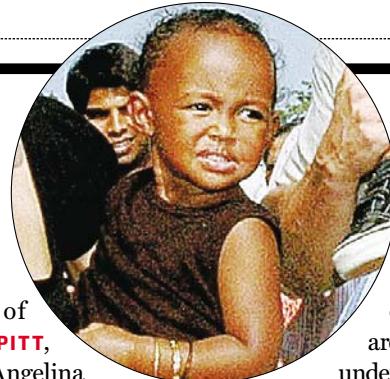
Sunrise today ..... 6:51 a.m.  
Sunset tonight ..... 4:54 p.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 12:24 p.m.  
Moonset today ..... 10:35 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Nov 17	Nov 24	Dec 1	Dec 9

#### TABLOIDS

#### Women in Line at Giant Ponder the Nature of Deception

The adoption of **ZAHARA JOLIE-PITT**, second child of Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt, is "legal and irrevocable," says the adoption agency that managed the child's case, news sources reported. According to In Touch Weekly, women claiming to be Zahara's mother — whom



Zahara finds In Touch Weekly not to her liking.

Zahara's grandmother said was dead — and aunt are saying they didn't understand what adoption meant. In response to the story, Wide Horizons for Children debunked the women's claims, calling the article "media hype by unethical journalists exploiting the poverty of the grandmother." (EXPRESS)

#### MORONS

#### Unlike Dogs and Babies, Photographers Don't Learn

**BRITNEY SPEARS** may have run over yet another foot, E! Online reported. On Wednesday night at the Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills, as Spears arrived to park, a photographer began screaming that she'd



run over his foot. There are no photos and video, as yet, to show what truly happened. Spears also drove over the feet of a photographer last month; he did not press charges. (AP)

#### MEDICINE

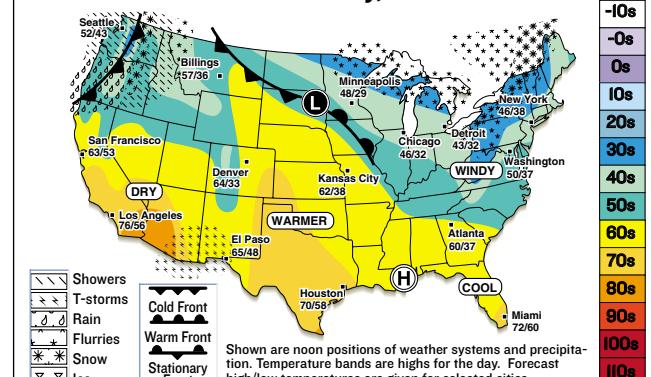
#### California Edges Closer To Cloning of Billy Bush

**LEEZA GIBBONS**, whose mother has Alzheimer's disease, has been named to the board that oversees California's stem cell research agency. The former "Entertainment Tonight" host will fill the Alzheimer's advocate seat on the 29-member panel. (AP)



Mary Hart has nothing on Leeza.

#### National Weather for Friday, November 16



#### National Cities

City	Today Hi/Low/W	Sat. Hi/Low/W
Atlanta	60/37/s	63/46/s
Boston	48/34/pc	46/34/pc
Chicago	46/32/c	46/28/c
Dallas	71/56/s	74/58/c
Denver	64/33/pc	64/33/pc
Houston	70/58/s	70/58/s
Los Angeles	76/56/pc	74/56/pc
Miami	72/60/pc	78/66/s
New York City	48/38/pc	48/40/pc
Orlando	66/42/s	73/50/s
Seattle	52/43/sh	49/42/r

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

# Puzzles

# LOOKout

## CROSSWORD | HAPPY 100TH

### ACROSS

1 Entertainer Will, born in 18-Across  
7 CD players?  
10 Man of the hour  
14 Keyless, in music  
15 Louis XIV, e.g.  
16 Yoked yaks  
17 Word between "Ars" and "artis"  
18 State admitted to the union Nov. 16, 1907  
20 Enjoyment from cruelty  
21 Paris ride  
22 Astronaut L. Gordon, born in 18-Across  
24 Gap  
28 Rabbit ears  
31 Olympian Jim, born in 18-Across  
32 Some have black eyes  
33 Razz  
36 Inlet  
37 Lingus  
38 Those born in 18-Across  
40 Short life?

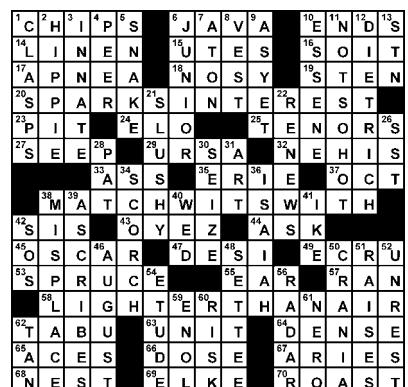
### DOWN

41 Dixie initials  
42 Dime's ten  
43 Waterfront walk  
44 Filmmaker Ron, born in 18-Across  
46 Burial urn  
49 As a friend, to the French  
50 TV personality born in  
18-Across  
52 Suffuse with color  
54 Ball girls  
58 Two-time "Sexiest Man Alive" born in  
18-Across  
61 Famed family of Italy  
62 Charged particles  
63 Big name in ATMs  
64 Prayer  
65 Start up, as a computer  
66 Reticent  
67 Yankee Mickey, born in 18-Across  
DOWNTOWN  
1 Riches alternative site

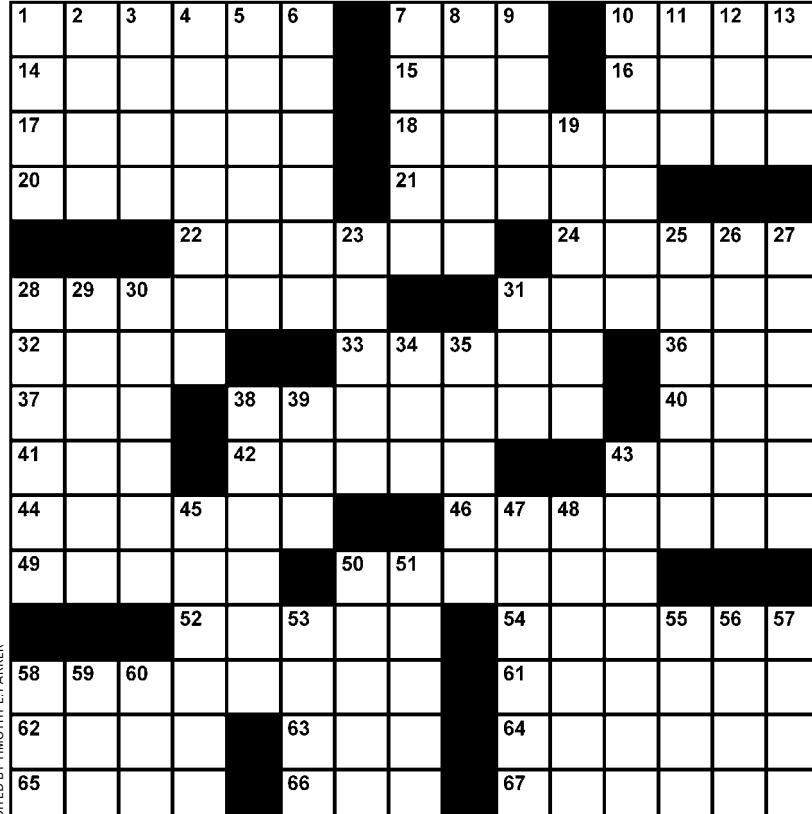
2 Orozco's other one  
3 Provoke  
4 Leads on  
5 Word before "d'etre"  
6 Apply quickly, as brakes  
7 Hippo tail?  
8 Funny guy  
9 River sediment  
10 Sounds from Santa  
11 Prefix meaning "outside"  
12 Dream sleep  
13 "... slow boat to China"  
19 Symbol of McDonald's  
23 South African author Alan  
25 World's largest peninsula  
26 More nimble  
27 Recall  
28 Parisian ruffian  
29 "Batman Begins" actor Liam  
30 1943 Pacific battle site

31 Program that stays in RAM  
34 Fictional tree creature  
35 Greek fabulist  
38 Pinch pennies  
39 Brit. lexicon  
43 Earns  
45 Mixed in with Chords  
48 Nature club  
50 Word with "uncle" or "oven"  
51 Take another shot at  
53 Storage boxes  
55 Lean sideways  
56 Chemical compound  
57 Trig ratio  
58 Baby wear  
59 Joey's nickname  
60 12 meses

### Yesterday's Solution



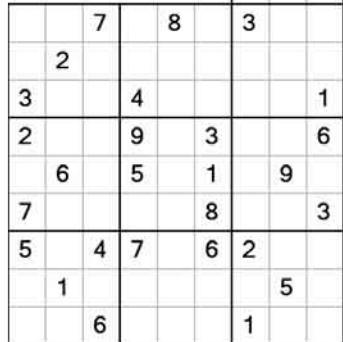
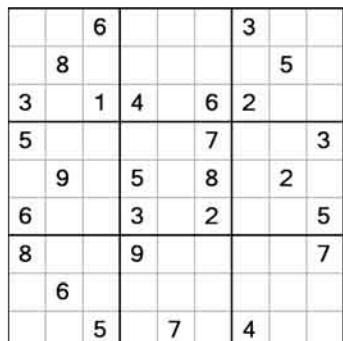
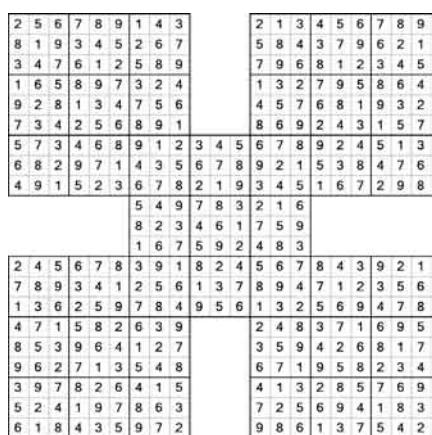
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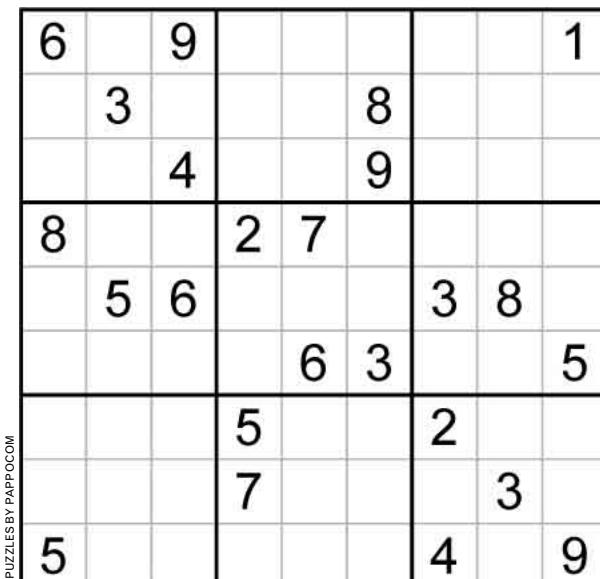
## SAMURAI SUDOKU | MEDIUM

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

### Last Week's Solution



## CLASSIC SUDOKU | HARD



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Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)

### Need more Sudoku?

Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

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# face time

**■ Italian-American chef** Rocco DiSpirito famously opened (and, soon after, closed) a New York City eatery on the reality TV show "The Restaurant." Though he no longer wears a toque or slings meatballs, the brash food fiend still has lots on the burner: a judging gig on "Top Chef," a line of frozen entrees and a new cookbook, "Real Life Recipes: Fast Flavor for Every Day" (\$20, Meredith).

**How'd this book come about?**

It happened as a result of me getting out of the restaurant business and turning into a home cook. I thought at home my food would be more fanciful, but it went the opposite way. It got simpler.

**Why was that?**

I went from having prep cooks and dishwashers to having nothing. I started working with convenience foods, ingredients that are ready to go. I saw that it made it much easier to cook.

**So, the recipes in here reflect that simpler style? They're quick and don't have tons of ingredients?**

Yeah. Years ago I was more interested in local, esoteric, organic ingre-

dients. But in the book, I mix these great prepared things, like Amore garlic paste, with great fresh ingredients. The point isn't to teach you to cook.

**What's your kitchen at home like?** It's not big. No matter how big your apartment is New York, your kitchen is still small.

**What's your definition of a good dinner party these days?**

One where I get the food to the table and people have fun. As a host, it's my job to make people happy.

**What kind of wine are you pouring to go with your simpler dishes?**

It's not necessary to spend more than \$15 on a bottle of wine. If



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## Rocco DiSpirito

COOK, TRIATHLETE, GUITARIST

you get higher than that, it's like you're buying rare jewelry. I tend to pour a lot of Pinot Grigio. And if it's red wine, Pinot Noir. It's a wine everyone loves.

**Any other keys to a good party?**

Music, candlelight and a simple table. If your table looks like an upside-down chandelier, you'll put someone off. Every time you

put another glass on the table, you confuse someone.

**Your name is now on a line of Bertolli entrees. Do you eat 'em?**

Gigantoni with tomatoes and ricotta is amazing. I slice my mom's meatballs and throw them in.

**So, if you're eating this good, simple food, how are you staying thin?**

"If your table looks like an upside-down chandelier, you'll put someone off."

I'm a triathlete, a pretty serious one. As a creative person, it's very difficult to know when your food is good. But with triathlons, you start and you finish. There's a finality to your efforts. I do it just for my personal pleasure. Oh, and the physical transformation — I lost 30 pounds!

**Any other non-food hobbies?**

I play guitar badly. But it's enough for me to have fun. I can create a chord progression and write a lot of lyrical poetry.

**How else is your life different now that you aren't at a restaurant?**

I have friends now. When you're in the restaurant business, you can't form deep bonds. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

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## Weekend

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In two new movies, Kidman plays pathologically defective mothers.  
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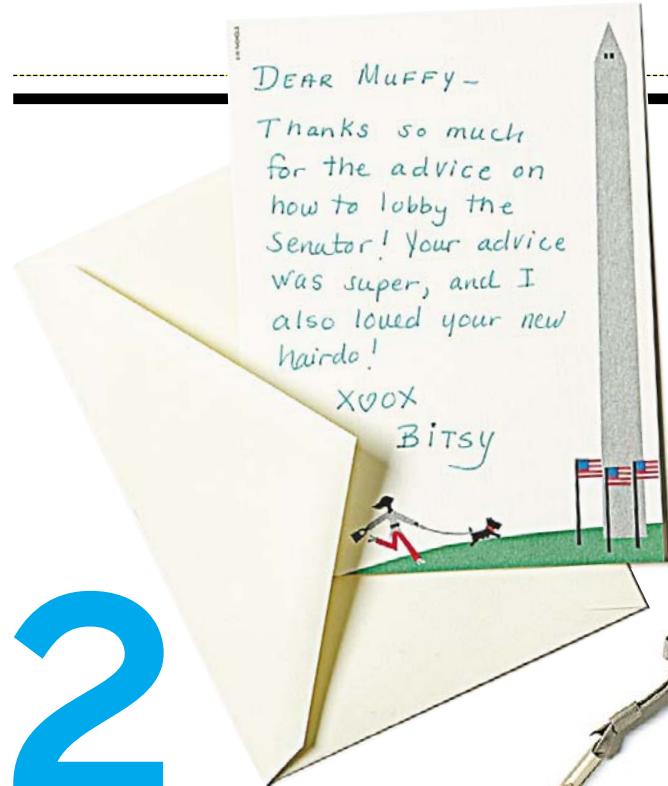
### Take a pre-holiday holiday

Treat yourself to a good time before the holiday season frenzy hits.  
Discover some great ideas in the Weekend section.

**Also in Weekend:** A chat with Nicole Kidman. Plus, best bets for fun, shows to catch, a dining deal, and what's new at the movies, on DVD and in video games.

Great weekends start with the Weekend section.

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If you don't get it, you don't get it.



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## Correspondence Ball

**THE PERKY GALS**, cheerful dogs and dashing dudes who populate stationery star R. Nichols' cards have moved to D.C. The native son (real name Nick Hanzlik) has produced sets of boxed notes with his fun figures frolicking near the Washington Monument and the Jefferson Memorial (\$20 for 8, Apres Peau, 1430 K St. NW; 202-783-0022). Prints are also available.



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## Spanish Accent

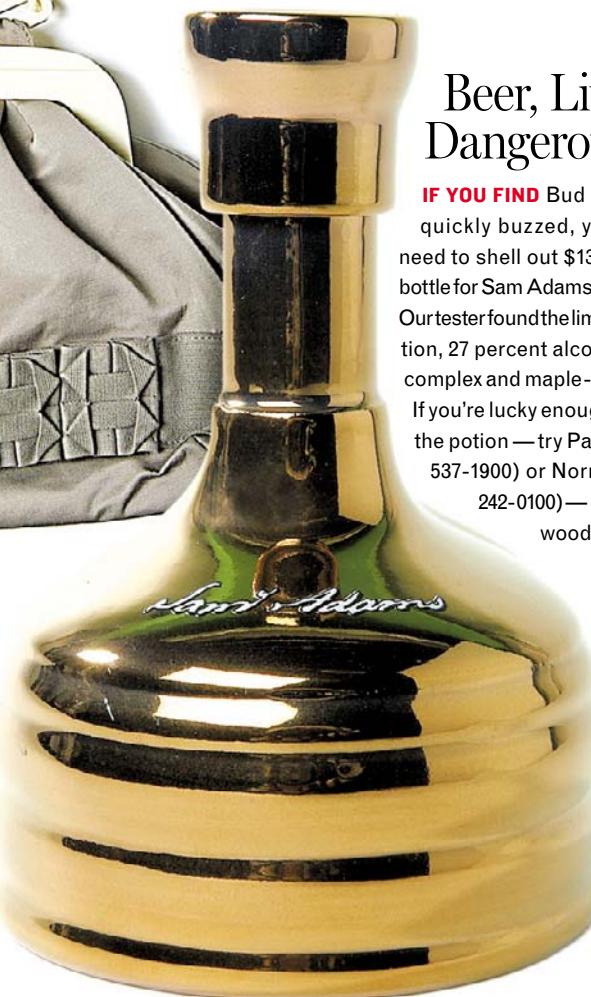
**WITH LUCITE CHARM** - stud-ded chain handles, unusual fabric exteriors and mod-yet-pretty details, Madrid-made Hoss bags (\$155-\$290, Betsy Fisher, 1224 Connecticut Ave NW; 202-785-1975) look like something you'd steal from a long-dead starlet's stash. They're subtle enough for day, but muy caliente for night.



## Pod Purrs

**YOUR CAT ALREADY ACTS** like a space alien. Now he/she/it can live like one, too, in the Pet Pod (six colors/patterns, \$155, Hepperhome.com). The fabric-over-foam, fleece-lined pods were designed to make cats and small dogs feel secure. But if Crazy won't come out, you're still OK: The top half comes off.

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## Beer, Living Dangerously

**IF YOU FIND** Bud gets you quickly buzzed, you don't need to shell out \$135-\$150 a bottle for Sam Adams' Utopias. Our tester found the limited-edition, 27 percent alcohol brew complex and maple-y tasting. If you're lucky enough to find the potion — try Paul's (202-537-1900) or Norm's (703-242-0100) — it's a wild, woody quaff.



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## Botanic Verses

**TREES, PODS, GOURDS** and flowers that grow on the Eastern Shore of Maryland inspire jeweler Daphne Olive's dreamy new line of necklaces, cuff links (shown, \$135), bracelets and rings (Tabletop, 1608 20th St. NW; 202-387-7117). Pieces are cast directly from things Olive finds while strolling in the woods or boating near her Chesapeake home. Styles (\$50-\$135) come in gold vermeil or silver; seed pearls and cubic zirconia add to the natural high.

## dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBUGGER

I'm going to Thanksgiving dinner with my boyfriend. I'll be meeting his elderly mother and his teenage daughters for the first time. Suggestions? —OLIVIA

■ Manolo says, congratulations to the Manolo's friend, who has just passed the Going-Home-to-Meet-the-Family test! This man likes you! And now it is time for the winning the approval from the family. Your boyfriend's mother will be easy to please. Dress modestly and praise her turkey, her son and her house, not necessarily in that order.



As for the daughters, such new relationships are always fraught with emotions, this is to say nothing of the natural contempt teenagers feel for anyone over the age of 25. However, the most important advice is not to attempt to dress younger than your age. Nothing is more mockable than the middle-aged "hottie" wearing the mini-dress and belly-shirt, talking about how much she loves Zac Efron.

Much better is the stylish skirt, blouse and jacket worn with super fantastic knee-high boots, boots that even the most jaded teenager cannot but admire, like these Oriana boots from Cole Haan (\$479, Zappos.com).

Ask the Manolo a question at [manolo@shoeblogs.com](mailto:manolo@shoeblogs.com). Visit the Manolo at [shoeblogs.com](http://shoeblogs.com).

## ON THE COVER

Kaylie wears a Myth & Ritual dress (\$280, Beklina.com) and Smart Glass recycled bottle earrings (\$58, smartglassjewelry.com). Model from T.H.E. Artist Agency. Hair and makeup by Richard Bernal/T.H.E. Artist Agency. Photo by Marge Ely.


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# Eco For Everyone



**TOY GLORY**  
Jacqueline Sanchez's silver ring has a recycled Lego "gem." (\$150, National Building Museum Shop, 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448)



**GOOD GOTH**  
Ethically printed in Finland, Ivana Helsinki's bird-strewn cotton coin purse makes a posh stocking stuffer. (\$40, Beklina.com)

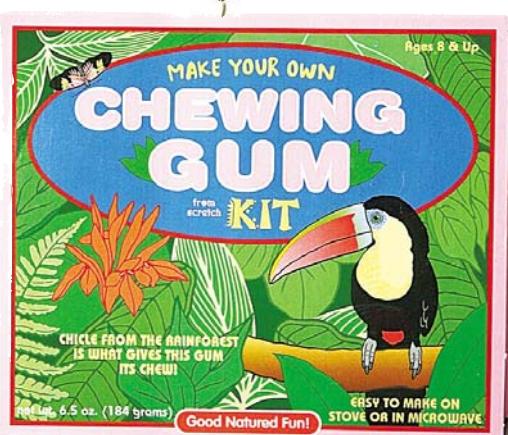
## EARTH-FRIENDLY GIFTS FOR THE GUYS, GIRLS AND TOTS ON YOUR LIST

Are those reindeer hooves up on the rooftop? Nah, that's the sound of your own carbon footprints, which are unquestionably warming the globe this holiday season. But celebrating the season doesn't have to mean beating up the planet. "There are really attractive eco-friendly products. What you find has gotten so much better," says Josh Dorfman, aka the Lazy Environmentalist, whose Web site ([Lazyenvironmentalist.com](http://Lazyenvironmentalist.com)), book and radio show pimp the hip green life. He suggests buying items easy on both the eyes and the world: bamboo vases, Energy Star flat-panel TVs, organic cotton tees. You can also be more like Al Gore by giving fewer, higher-quality things or putting experiential presents (Maybe a gift certificate to sustainable seafood restaurant Hook?) under the tree. "Make a charitable donation in someone's name or buy them carbon offsets," says Aysia Wright, owner of [Thegreenloop.com](http://Thegreenloop.com), an eco-chic clothing Webtique. How you wrap cadeaux also matters: Wright suggests recycled paper by Fish Lips Designs ([Fishlipspaperdesigns.com](http://Fishlipspaperdesigns.com)); Dorfman likes Lucky Crow's reusable fabric gift bags ([Luckycrow.com](http://Luckycrow.com)). Worried that friends and family won't like such forward-thinking stuff? Warm them up with a bottle of Square One organic vodka. "Everyone gets to share in it — you," says Dorfman.

JENNIFER BARGER

**SMACK  
ATTACK**

Chicle, the key ingredient in this kid's chewing gum kit, comes from Sapodilla tree sap. Harvesting it benefits the rainforest! (\$13, [Gleegum.com](http://Gleegum.com))

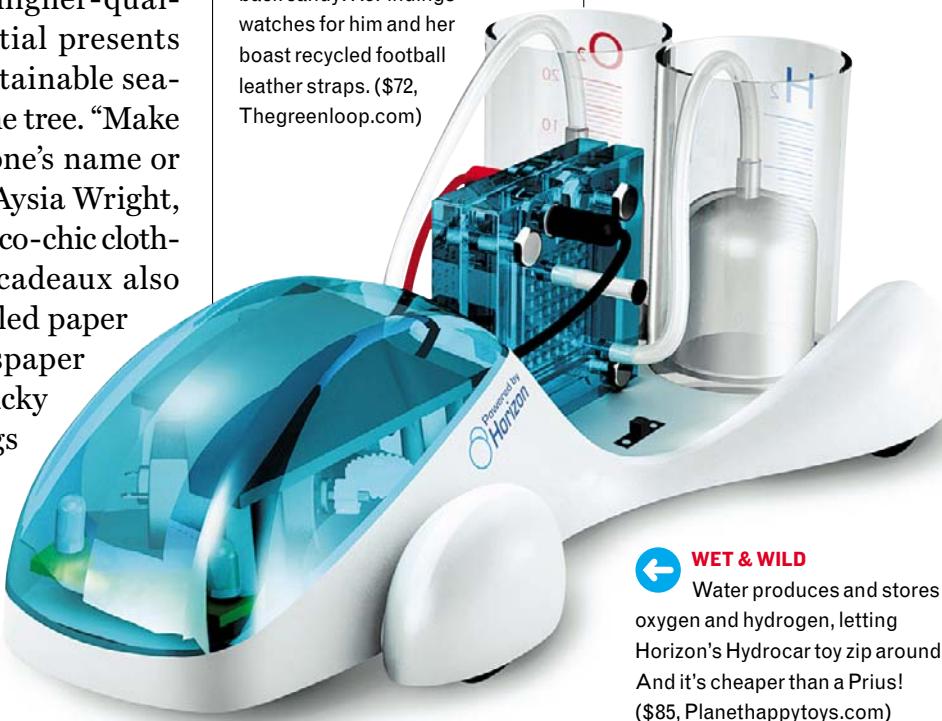


**ROUND REBOUND**

Recycled bottle glass (in this case, a former red wine vessel) stars in Kathleen Plate's groovy necklace. Earrings and other colors are also available. (\$83, [Smartglassjewelry.com](http://Smartglassjewelry.com))



**GAME TIME**  
Armchair quarterback candy: ReFindings' watches for him and her boast recycled football leather straps. (\$72, [Thegreenloop.com](http://Thegreenloop.com))



**WET & WILD**

Water produces and stores oxygen and hydrogen, letting Horizon's Hydrocar toy zip around. And it's cheaper than a Prius! (\$85, [Planethappytoys.com](http://Planethappytoys.com))

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**GET WHEEL**

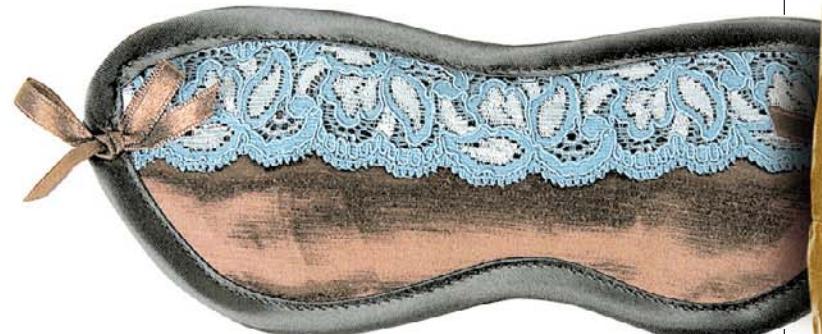
You weren't going to put a gas guzzler by the menorah, were you? Go for Green Label Organics' sweatshop-free tee instead. (\$30, [Thegreenloop.com](http://Thegreenloop.com))

**PEEPER KEEPER**

An organic silk-hemp eye mask will help Mom sleep in, thereby missing depressing news reports about global warming. (\$30, Setchi)

**TO ALL A GOOD BRIGHT**

Kaylie shines in a recycled glass necklace (\$112, [Smartglassjewelry.com](http://Smartglassjewelry.com)), Ciel's hemp-silk frock and Charmone's vegan shoes (\$274 and \$295, Setchi, 1614 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-5570). Newspaper tree (\$32, Building Museum Shop).



**CHECKS & BALANCES**

Angela Adams uses recycled fibers in her swanky Bodine wallet. (\$94, [Tabletop](http://Tabletop.com), 1608 20th St. NW; 202-387-7117)

**ROAD WARRIOR**

Old inner tubes and seat belts form Alchemy Goods' waterproof, "Battlestar Galactica"-cool messenger bag, which'd work for either dudes or damsels. (\$138, [Thegreenloop.com](http://Thegreenloop.com))



**STAR OF WONDER**

Aluminum pop tops see life beyond the soda machine as a brooch that's hip enough for your fashionable pal's cape and fun enough for Great-Aunt Hilda's wool coat. (\$20, National Building Museum Shop)



**FUZZY FOOTPRINT**

Fair-trade booties from Kyrgyzstan keep Junior warm. (\$26, [Go Mama Go!](http://Gomamago.com), 1809 14th St. NW; 202-299-0850)



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The steer crushes the skull as the "it" emblem! Deborah Lindquist's recycled cashmere hat and scarf horn in. (\$112 and \$150, [Thegreenloop.com](http://Thegreenloop.com))

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**UP COLOR GUARD**  
Rainbow-hued Indian bangle bracelets morph into colorful frames and boxes. (\$29 and \$39, Vivaterra.com)

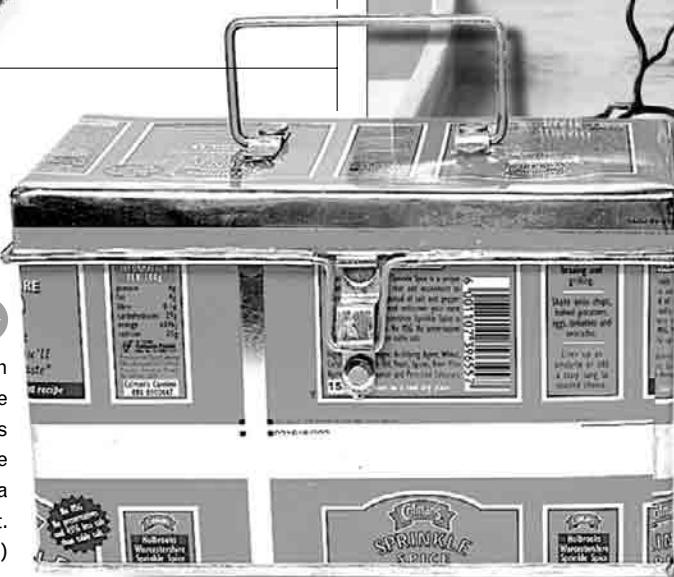


**DOWN FIN IS IN**  
Give a chowder-maker a fair-trade, natural clay dish from Colombia. (\$100, Hoopla Traders, 2314 18th St. NW; 202-797-0730)

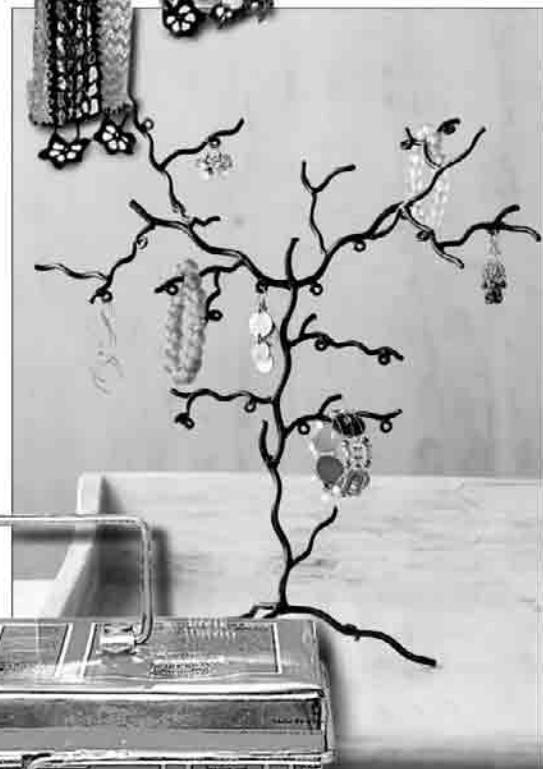


**HEADLINE HEADRESTS**  
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**METAL PUSHER**  
A sheet of tin intended to be made into veggie cans is reborn as a treasure box. (\$30, Go Mama Go!, 1809 14th St. NW; 202-299-0850)



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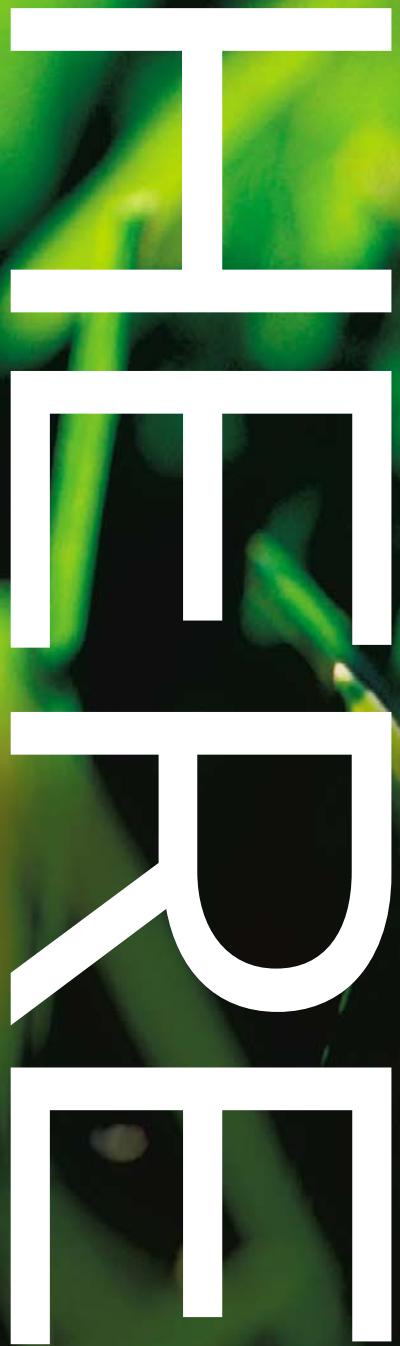
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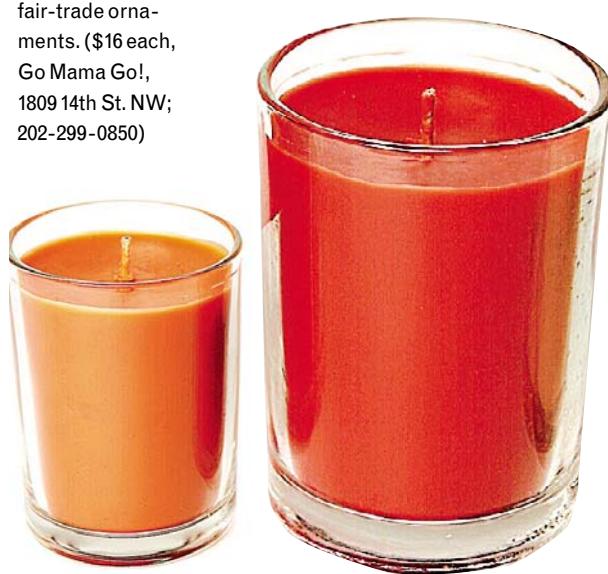
### WRAP STARS

Reusable organic cotton sacks can hold prez-zies from hemp shirts to "Planet Earth" DVDs. (\$18 per set, [Luckycrow.com](http://Luckycrow.com))



### BITTY BASKETS

Using trad methods, Rwandan artists use sisal to weave these fair-trade ornaments. (\$16 each, [Go Mama Go!](http://GoMamaGo.com), 1809 14th St. NW; 202-299-0850)



### WAYS TO DECK THE HALLS WITH GREEN GOODIES

#### X-MAS TREE HUGGERS

Angels cut from soda cans make a tannenbaum pretty and PC. (\$27 for 4, [Vivaterra.com](http://Vivaterra.com))



#### GOOD TO GLOW

Soy wax burns clean, so the Peace, Love & Joy set of three candles will warm hearts, not polar waters. (\$25, [Pacificacandles.com](http://Pacificacandles.com))

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## The Charge of The Lit Brigade

■ November's a great month for literature: Not only does the weather encourage curling up with a book; it's also National Novel Writing Month, during which nearly 100,000 people worldwide attempt to marathon-write a 175-page book (each, not collectively) before Dec. 1. Celebrate the halfway point this weekend! Tony Ritchie, event planner for Olsson's, recommends "Hemingway & Bailey's Bartending Guide to Great American Writers"; the long-winded title conceals a wealth of drinks inspired by American greats. Hemingway gets a mojito, Faulkner a mint julep, and F.Scott Fitzgerald a gin Rickey (2ounces gin, 3/4 ounce lime juice, top with club soda and garnish with a lime wheel).

If you're feeling the National Novel Writing Month groove, have friends bring laptops—but make it a game. Who can use the word "mollusk" the most? Who can write the most thinly veiled autobiography? (Be nice!)

If all this strikes you as too highfalutin, Ritchie suggests simply starting a book discussion club, which will swiftly "become an excuse for drinking wine and gossiping." RACHEL KAUFMAN



## tasting & testing

### TURKEY ON THE RUN

Psst: Wanna know how to get a yummy Thanksgiving meal with little to no effort? Um, drive over the river and through the traffic jams to your parents' house and be a lazy mooch. Or head to a D.C. restaurant that's open next Thursday — Blue Duck Tavern and Rasika are both serving promising-sounding feasts. But if you still have to be the one behind the burner sticking stuff in a hot oven, we've tried and rated a dining room table's worth of shortcut products. Not all were perfect, but most banished any thoughts of buying a limp Sara Lee pumpkin pie or heating up one of those hams-in-a-can. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)



#### HO-HUM HELPER

##### Turkey Gravy

\$3, WHOLE FOODS

**THE VERDICT:** We all know that making gravy from turkey stock and giblets can be confusing, and the clumping rate is high for inexperienced cooks. When sampled alone, WF's dull brown gook seemed too thick and not terribly flavorful. But when doctoring up with sauteed mushrooms and tawny port, it provided a nice accompaniment to bird and stuffing alike. And at least it didn't require touching icky inner organs to make!

#### BERRY EXPENSIVE

##### Topsy Cranberries

\$6, CRATE & BARREL

**THE VERDICT:** Sable & Rosenfeld's tiny jar of vodka-soaked fruit offers a recipe for a Crantini, a highball blending more vodka, cranberry juice and lime. You garnish it with — What else? — tipsy cranberries. The resulting potion was pleasantly tart, and the crannies floated prettily in the pinkish liquid. But the berries didn't have much taste and hardly seemed worth \$6 when a bag of uncooked ones is going for \$2 at Safeway.

#### FEATHER FRIEND

##### Spice Brine Blend

\$20, SUR LA TABLE

**THE VERDICT:** Alton Brown, Bobby Flay, Emeril — our chef boyfriends crow about brining turkeys. (It's marinating the bird in spices and liquid overnight before cooking.) Urban Accents' salt, sugar, orange and pepper blend was easy to mix with broth. After putting the fowl in a bag, we poured brine over it, refrigerated it overnight and then roasted it. The resulting turkey? Juicy, subtly spiced and delish. We're converts.

#### DRY, DRY AGAIN

##### Focaccia Stuffing

\$7.50, WILLIAMS-SONOMA

**THE VERDICT:** This box of cheese- and herb-crusted toasted bread bits could also be put to good use as croutons for a Caesar salad. When combined, per a recipe on the back of the box, with broth, celery, mushrooms, et al, the carby chunks produced a rather dry, somewhat-salty stuffing. We probably didn't put in enough broth. Or perhaps our tepid feelings stem from a forbidden love of mushy stuffing.

#### PRICEY PIE

##### Perfect Pie Crust

\$10, WILLIAMS-SONOMA

**THE VERDICT:** Butter (lots) and water (a little) are all you need to start rolling out this new crust-in-a-box. But even though we followed the instructions closely, we couldn't get our crust to spread out thinly, resulting in an apple dessert more tart than pie. And the cost of "perfection" seemed exorbitant; flour and butter for a homemade crust would run \$3. Still, while not pretty, our pie was tasty, if thick-crusted.



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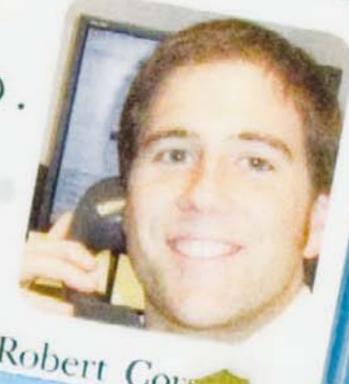
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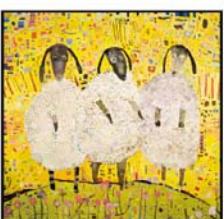
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JERRY ANDREWS/WRIGHT  
In her book, Kim O'Donnell tells how to cook holiday meals without freaking out.

# Beauty In the Feast

The prospect of whipping up an entire Thanksgiving meal is enough to send even Bon Appetit-loving foodies into the Stove Top Stuffing aisle at Giant. But local food writer Kim O'Donnell (whose "Mighty Appetite" blog appears at [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com)) insists we shouldn't fear the turkey — we should tame it and its buffet buddies with prep work and culinary know-how. We chatted with her about this and her new book, "A Mighty Appetite for the Holidays: Kitchen Tricks for the Feasting Season" (\$22, [kimodonnell.com](http://kimodonnell.com)).

### What's the key to not stressing out if you're the one cooking?

A lot of it is organization. Start planning this week. Take stock of what's in your cabinets. Do you have a pan that's big enough to hold a turkey? Do you have a pot holder that won't burn a hole in your palm? This is a time of year when a lot of out-of-practice cooks decide to embark on meals, and they need to do what's in their control.

### What other things can you do pre-Turkey Day?

Estimate how much wine you're going to need per person, and

then go out and buy it. You can also remove all the expired take-out cartons in your fridge to make way for the new food.

### Any favorite techniques or recipes for the big bird day?

Brining is my favorite way to roast a turkey. All the work is at the beginning. I've got a recipe for brine in the book. It's a reliable way to get a flavorful bird, and you don't have to baste or truss it.

### Are there acceptable ready-made things you can use?

I think canned pumpkin puree is respectable in pies, and nobody knows the difference. Hard-core cooks would probably go to the length of roasting pumpkins and pureeing them for pies. But it's much easier to scoop it out of a can.

### Which Turkey Day shortcuts are unacceptable?

Don't even get me started on cranberries in a can. Making cranberry sauce takes all of 30 minutes. You can make it ahead.

### And what about people who can't make pie crust. Why is it so hard?

Maybe the dough knows you're stressed out by it. Have a glass of wine when you're making it! In "Mighty Appetite," I've got a crust recipe that uses cider vinegar. I think it tenderizes the dough and relaxes it. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

→ O'Donnell will be signing and selling copies of her book Nov. 18, 9 a.m.-noon, at the Columbia Pike Farmers Market (Columbia Pike and S. Walter Reed Drive.)

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**EASY DOES IT:** If you're on appetizer duty, but aren't so handy in the kitchen, bruschetta is a simple solution. Slice and spread!

# Beyond Just the Bird

Sides, sips and sweets make Thanksgiving a complete meal

My boyfriend and I are having our Thanksgiving with just the two of us. He does not like green beans, and we've agreed on broccoli as our green vegetable. Do you have any new ideas for preparing it, other than steaming, which is how I normally cook it?

This is not that different than steaming, but it's easy and bright. Cut the broccoli into small-ish florets. Melt butter in a large saute pan, then add chopped shallots and finely chopped lemon zest until the shallots are translucent. Add the broccoli and a little water, then cover and cook until the broccoli is tender. Serve with a sprinkle of salt.

Want something much heavier, and kinda retro? My mom always made broccoli cream cheese casserole. Just barely steam or blanch a head of broccoli pieces, then season with salt and pepper. Let a package of cream cheese soften, then in a large bowl mix it with a melted stick

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of butter. Add the broccoli, stir to mix up, transfer to a casserole dish, cover with bread crumbs and bake for 20 to 30 minutes at 425 until the bread crumbs get a little color.

I've got several beer drinkers coming for Thanksgiving and am looking for some good pairings.

Chimay or other Trappist-made Belgian ales go well with turkey; any Belgian dubbel will pair nicely with turkey or with a hearty meat, in case you're not doing the bird thing. Belgian fruit lambics (one brand is Lindemans) can go with the salad course or possibly a fruit dessert. Cheers!

I'm in a quandry about what type of potatoes to use for my Thanksgiving mashed potatoes. I've used Yukon Gold for several years, but the high starch content yields less "fluffy" potatoes.

It's true the russets give you more fluff, but I'm a Yukon addict for the flavor — and I like that creamy texture, too, even though (or maybe because) it's denser.

My roommate's mother was sweet enough to invite me for Thanksgiving since my family is

on the West Coast. I want to bring some sort of appetizer that might be considered sophisticated but will survive an hour drive. Any ideas?

There are all kinds of sophisticated bruschetta you can make. I often do one with a smear of fig jam and a thin slice of manchego cheese. Just bring everything and assemble it when you get there. Another winner is the classic mini potatoes with sour cream and caviar. Just boil little red potatoes, cut them in half, scoop out the middle and top with sour cream and caviar or a less expensive fish roe.

I'm supposed to make dessert for Turkey Day. I love the pear/almond empanadas at Julia's Empanadas, and would love to find a recipe that would allow me to make a large version of those. But I can't find any good recipes!

If you can't find something specifically for pears, try looking for an empanada-ish recipe that calls for apples — and then substitute the pears. How bad could it be?

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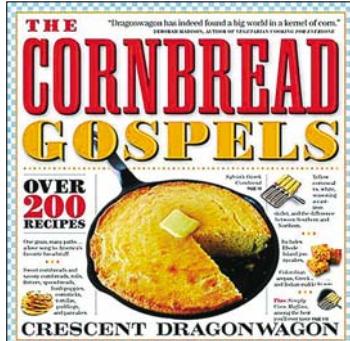
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#### Praise the Corn

If we all could follow the **CORBREAD**

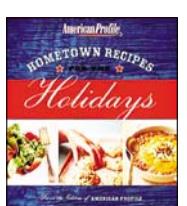
**GOSPELS** (\$15, Workman), the world would be a better place. (If we were all named "Crescent Dragonwagon," the world would also be a better place.) The universally beloved food exists in some form planet-wide, from South Africa's dense, steamed mealiebrod to Greece's honey-soaked bobota. Dragonwagon expands the cornbread umbrella to welcome tortillas, pancakes, hush puppies and crepes; there are chapters on sides and desserts, too. (Also, there is a muffin recipe for parrots—long story, don't ask.) We learned a ton about corn-based eats, such as what corn pone actually is (a northeastern Native American tortilla) and that cornbread should never, ever contain chocolate chips.

HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

### BOOKS

#### Just Plain Food

We were totally unaware that a Parade-like magazine called American Profile appears in Sunday papers across the U.S. (including the Washington Times). Judging by **HOMETOWN RECIPES FOR THE HOLIDAYS** (\$19, William Morrow), a collection of reader-submitted recipes, Profile's audience has little patience for postmodern nonsense like foam or molecular gastronomy. Normal people want Cornflake Chicken Strips, courtesy Deborah Carson of Fort Morgan, Colo., not a test tube of brined guppy. The recipes here are simple and refreshingly plain. Want to roast green peppers? Michigan's Carmela Porter is here to help. And thank you, Sandra Bennett, for the World's Easiest Pot Roast! H.J.M.



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# Incredible, Edible

## Fruits, veggies make delicious Thanksgiving centerpieces

The Duo spends its Thanksgivings circling the Beltway. With one set of parents in NoVa and the other in southern Maryland, we barely get a chance to eat before rushing out the door to the next kin-folk function. Not surprisingly, the hectic schedule doesn't leave much time for cooking. This year, we decided to contribute to the family feasts by bringing the centerpieces (and a bag of my pumpkin spice cookies).

Because we figure a centerpiece should never distract from the food, we offer these three edible takes on the traditional.

### 1 BOAT OF PLENTY

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gourd look a try.

I outfitted the basket with two candle holders and secured them in place with strong tape. I then filled the basket with a colorful assortment of fall fruits and pinecones. Fire around a wicker basket is never a great idea, so take care when lighting a creation like this.

→ **MATERIALS:** Basket: \$8, acorn squash: \$1.50, baby pumpkins: 2.7 pounds for \$2, apples: \$0.75, pinecones: \$5, candles: \$4, candle holders, \$3 each.

### 2 CRANBERRY DE-LIGHT

This centerpiece offers a contemporary twist on time-honored ingredients. I filled a vase three-quarters full with fresh cranberries and slowly poured water over top. The berries will drift to the surface, so you'll need to press them down slightly to place the floating candle on top. Scoop a handful of cranberries from the surface, allowing the candle to be seen from all sides. And don't make this one too far in advance: The cranberries will rot if left in the water too long.

→ **MATERIALS:** Vase: \$20, floating candles: \$3.50 for a package of eight, cranberries: \$2 for 12-ounce bag.



### 3 APPLE-BOTTOMED

Granny Smith apples are a personal fave, so I love the idea of placing a crystal vase full of the green orbs in the middle of the table. But somehow that sprightly color just didn't feel "fall" enough for me. Enter the branches.

"Those are never gonna work," Tom said when I returned from World Market with a \$15 package of knotty "curly willow" twigs. I was skeptical, too, but somehow those super-tall branches in oversize vases always seem to look fabulous in houseware catalogs.

As it turns out, the branch look is not easy to pull off. When I placed the 4-foot-tall stalks among the apples, they looked gangly and awkward. I was ready to scrap them all together when Tom suggested snipping them slightly. After pruning, we placed them in the vase so that the height of the branches didn't exceed double the height of the vase. We also tucked some silk hydrangea blossoms among the fruit to give the vase base a little extra flair.

→ **MATERIALS:** Vase: \$20, curly willow branches: \$15, 15 apples: \$12, silk hydrangea blossoms: \$6.



Julia Beizer and her fiance, Tom, guide newbies through basic home-improvement tasks in our pages a few times per month.

# B.I.O.

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## Natalie Embrey Jason Hikel

**Natalie, 27, is a law clerk. Jason, 27, is a systems administrator. They will live in Chevy Chase.**

■ **The Main Event:** A traditional Catholic ceremony in Silver Spring on Jan. 12. It will be conducted by a priest the couple knows who "likes Ohio State football and martinis," says Jason. A formal reception will follow in Arlington.

■ **How They Met:** Jason's roommate was a law school pal of Natalie's.

■ **First Impressions:** "I thought

Jason was a show-off." "I thought she was attractive and stuck up."

■ **First Date:** A law school happy hour followed by dinner at Jason's, then dollar beers and dancing.

■ **How He Proposed:** After going out for Restaurant Week with friends, Jason took a knee when their buddies left Natalie's apartment.

■ **Their Song:** Carbon Leaf's "Life Less Ordinary." "It sums up the goal of our relationship," says Jason.

■ **Most Hated Clothing Item:** "Her stupid jeans with no back pockets." "His threadbare Abercrombie shirt that was cool 10 years ago."

■ **Wedding Jitters:** Jason fears "Natalie's head will explode from the stress of not being in control."

■ **Celebrating Heritage:** "We're getting married in the church that my parents, most of my aunts and uncles, and my sister all got married in," says Natalie.

"I knew I wanted to marry him on our second date."

Andrew offered to drive her home. "When he dropped me off he asked for my phone number."

■ **First Date:** Dinner at Mai Thai in Old Town Alexandria.

■ **How He Proposed:** The couple loves Disney World, so Andrew was going to pop the question on the steps of Cinderella's Castle. But the filming of an ABC Christmas special foiled his plans. "I made Sarah go all around the



castle trying to find a place to propose," he recalls. "I finally decided on a bridge overlooking the castle."

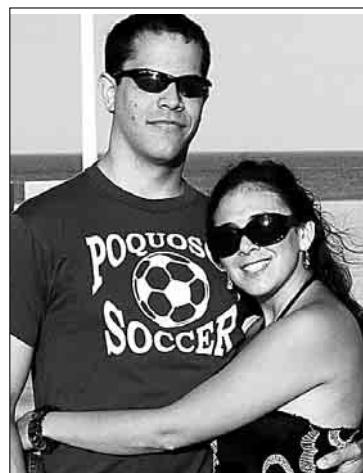
■ **Pet Names:** Andrew calls Sarah

"Buttercup," and she refers to him as "Sully" (of "Monsters Inc.").

■ **When She Knew:** "He drove an hour in traffic to take care of me when I had strep throat."

■ **Celebrating Heritage:** The ceremony will include Baptist and Catholic traditions. Jordan almonds will serve as favors to honor Andrew's Italian background. In memory of Sarah's grandmother, an angel Christmas ornament will be wrapped in her bouquet, "since she loved angels."

■ **Making It Unique:** Sarah's favorite color will be woven into their winter theme. "The reception will be decorated pink with silver snowflakes," she says.



## Patrick Brooks, Amanda Mariano

**Amanda, 25, is a teacher. Patrick, 23, works as a computer forensic analyst. They live in Ellicott City.**

■ **The Main Event:** A formal wedding in Bethesda at the church where Amanda's parents were wed, followed by a reception in the District, on Dec. 22. Amanda's uncle will play Christmas music on the organ before and after the ceremony. Christmas poinsettias will adorn the church and reception.

■ **How They Met:** While playing on George Mason University's underwater hockey team.

■ **First Impressions:** "I thought he was a cute underclassman," says Amanda. "I was scared of her," admits Patrick. "I was

"He is my knight in shining armor, rescuing me from all the jerks I dated in the past."

shy, and she was obviously quite intelligent, intense and outgoing."

■ **First Date:** Was there one? "We were really good friends," says Amanda. "One day, we were just together."

■ **How She Proposed:** Amanda woke up Patrick in the middle of the night and spontaneously popped the question. He sleepily agreed. "I shook him and said, 'I am serious,'" says Amanda. "He started to cry."

■ **Pet Names:** "I call Pat a monkopotamus (a monkey/hippopotamus-like creature that's good at underwater hockey)."



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